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City will consider police chief's election

Voters rejected 3 past measures that would have elected the City Council appoint the top cop

By Dave Greer
CORRESPONDENT

Albany residents will get another chance to decide whether or not they want to change the elected position of police chief to one appointed by the City Council.

As doing so requires a change in the City Charter, The Albany Charter Review Committee will hold a special meeting from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 14, at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Avenue in Classroom 2. The purpose of the meeting is to allow residents the opportunity to make their views known to the committee.

MEETING

WHAT: Meeting on changing the Albany city charter to make the police chief appointed rather than elected.

WHEN: 10 a.m. April 14; Community Center, classroom 2, 1249 Marin Ave.

DETAILS: 510-528-5710.

The Charter Review Committee will also hear input from citizens on this matter at its regular meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, in the conference room at Albany City Hall.

A 1996 ballot measure that would have made the offices of police chief, city attorney and city treasurer appointive was turned down by voters 5,032 to 2,228.

In 1984 a charter amendment making the chief's position appointive was defeated 4,159 to 3,078. In 1960 the vote against changing the charter in regard to the police chief and the city attorney was 2,925 to 1,654.

And in 1952 Albanians voted to keep the jobs of the city's police chief, city attorney, city treasurer, and city clerk elective 2,127 to 1,051. (The last position was later made appointive.)

Larry Murdo, the incumbent police chief, has announced that he will be seeking re-election in November of 2002. His current term will end in December of 2002 creating a vacancy at that time.

Murdo is in his fourth four-year term as chief. He joined the Albany Police Department in 1973 and ran for office of chief as a patrolman in 1980. In his first run for chief, he was opposed by a fellow officer, Troy Norstrom, but was unopposed thereafter. Outside Albany, Santa Clara is the only other city in the state which elects its police chief. In a letter to the City Council, Murdo denied rumors he would run again and said he planned to retire and reside in a recently purchased home in Butte County.

After sampling public sentiment at the April 14 meeting, the Albany Charter Review Committee will present its recommendations to the City Council at 8 p.m. at the regular June 4 meeting in Albany City Hall.

All charter amendments must be placed on by the electorate. The first opportunity for an election is November of this year, with ballot word established by August.



PLAY BALL!

Mary Nylon of Mary & Joe's Sporting Goods (above) threw the first pitch during the pre-season ceremony of the Albany Little League at Middle School Park last Saturday. Nylon was honored for her years of support for the local Little League. Below, Nicole Steinberg stole second base during the season-opening ceremonies, which started with a morning parade down Solano Avenue.



Council scales back approach on park trees

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The City Council decided Monday to compromise on the plan to remove 47 Monterey pines from upper Canyon Trail Park.

By a 3-0 vote, with two council members recused, the council decided to immediately remove 15 to 20 diseased or dangerous pines in danger of toppling or causing damage and phase the possible removal of others over the next few years. A comprehensive park plan, which will evaluate all the trees in the park, including those at the west end, will be developed.

In a lengthy public hearing Monday evening, the council heard from residents both for and against the city's plan to remove the Monterey pines. City officials have said the pines pose a fire hazard, are susceptible to disease and are near the end of their life expectancy. As part of the city's new urban forestry program, the 47 Monterey pines were

to have been removed and replanted with native tree species. Sixty thousand dollars had been allocated this year for the project.

Opponents of the original removal plan said it would disturb nesting Cooper's Hawks and the environment of the park. They advocated using a phased approach instead. Proponents of the plan argued that they have waited for years, even decades, for something to be done about lost views and fire and safety hazards in the park.

"To achieve a reasonable compromise, the residents who want views will have to show patience and staff will have to realize that the easy solution to simply chop things down is not acceptable," said El Cerrito resident and park user Peter Loubal. Loubal said that other than the immediately dangerous trees, the city may have to wait until November or December after nesting season to re-

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Albany studying options for dog run

■ Installing a portable fence to be used at certain times is one idea being researched

By Clare Curley
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The never-ending discussion over dogs in Memorial Park gained new light at this week's City Council meeting when a resident suggested an option that may just work.

Longtime activist Dario Meniketti proposed that the city provide dog owners a portable fence, to be used at specified times in the morning and evening.

Councilman Jon Ely said the idea was excellent, and Vice Mayor Peggy Thomsen moved to add it to the list of items going back to the Parks and Recreation Commission. If implemented, dogs would be banned from

the park on Carmel Avenue and Thousand Oaks Boulevard outside the designated time slots.

One benefit of the proposal is that installing a permanent run, the likeliest option to date, would absorb 90 percent of the shared-use park space at Carmel.

The council passed a number of related recommendations on Monday, including one for an ordinance for dogs found on tennis courts and in enclosed play structures, which Thomsen says she hopes will apply to all city parks.

On Terrace Park, for example, existing signage that limits where dogs can go has no enforcement and is therefore somewhat ineffectual.

In addition, the city will include input from the Albany Little League and the Albany High School Athletic

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Fatal collision raises issue of pedestrian safety

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The death of 76-year-old El Cerrito resident Jul J. Paik who was hit by an automobile while crossing San Pablo Avenue last week underscores the pedestrian dangers of urban life.

According to police reports, Paik was crossing San Pablo Avenue at the Madison Avenue intersection just before 8 p.m. Monday, March 26, when she was hit by an automobile traveling south on San Pablo. Paik was apparently using the crosswalk and the driver of the vehicle was apparently traveling at the speed limit, according to ECPD Detective Sgt. Wayne Mann.

Earlier this week Mann said the collision is still under investigation. "The car has to be inspected and the report will be forwarded to the district attorney's office to see if they want to file a complaint. It looks like he was traveling at the speed limit and just didn't see her," Mann said.

When asked about San Pablo Avenue pedestrian safety, Mann said "We've been taking a harder look at

jaywalking at San Pablo and Cutting." He said that when police see violations occur, "the officer takes whatever appropriate enforcement action they deem necessary. It could be writing a citation or be a verbal warning."

Mann said it does not appear that San Pablo Avenue pedestrian safety has deteriorated, but that the street is heavily traveled. "There's a lot of businesses; there are two BART stations and a lot of pedestrian traffic," Mann said.

City Councilwoman Janet Abelson, who uses a wheelchair, agrees that San Pablo Avenue pedestrian safety has probably not gotten any worse lately, but said that is only because city-wide it has been very bad for quite some time.

Abelson said the intersection of Fairmount and Ashbury avenues at Harding Elementary School can be a dangerous place for pedestrians. "I think overall car traffic is becoming a bigger problem for pedestrians," she said. Abelson pointed out

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WORTH CHECKING OUT

Arlington Church Choir

On Friday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m., the Arlington Church Choir will perform Schubert's Mass in G conducted by Leslie Moorjari. A small choir group from UC Berkeley will give a Bach Cantata directed by Andrew Chung. The church is located at 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. \$5 donation.

LIVE at the Library

In honor of National Library Week and National Poetry Month, the Albany Library is sponsoring a series of poetry events that are free, open to the public and funded by ALA and Friends of the Albany Library. All are on the theme of "Home." Tuesday, April 10, 7 to 8 p.m.: poetry readings and discussions with Joyce Jenkins, Russell Gonzaga and Richard Silberg on Saturday, April 21: 10 a.m. to noon, poetry writing workshop, led by Alison Seevak. Sunday, April 29, 1 to 3 p.m.: Public readings of poems written by workshop participants, students and community members. Refreshments will be served. All events take place in the Edith Stone Room at the Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave. Questions: Call Julie Winkelstein at 526-3720 ext. 19.

Orchids in Paradise

Orchids in Paradise is the theme of the Golden Gate Cymbidium Society's 12th annual Orchid Show and Sale on Saturday, April 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, April 8, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Lakeside Garden Center (by Lake Merritt), 666 Bellevue Ave., in Oakland. The show is the largest cymbidium orchid show in Northern California. There will be cultural information and supplies, raffish, demonstrations and many vendors offering quality plants to suit all tastes. Admission is free. Details: 510-643-6537.

AAUW meeting

The Richmond-El Cerrito Branch of the American Association of University Women will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, at the Masonic Lodge, 6922 Stockton St., El Cerrito. Guest speaker will be Gwendolyn Whittle, a free-lance dialogue editor, who specializes in putting sound tracks in movies and TV. She works at Skywalker Ranch in Marin and has won awards for her work in such films as "Titanic" and "Saving Private Ryan."

EC Garden Club

The El Cerrito Garden Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 12, in the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. Bill Quarles, Executive Director Bio-Integral Resource Center, Albany, will present a program on "Fire Ants, Africanized Bees, Pesticides." Cost is \$3 at the door. Guests welcome. Call 510-525-1669.

Preschool stories, films

The Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave., will present a new series of stories and films for preschoolers (ages 3-5), at 11 a.m. on Saturday mornings, from April 7 through June 2.

LWV meeting

The general membership annual luncheon of the League of Women Voters Richmond Area will be Tuesday, April 17, at noon at the Hacienda Restaurant, 12020 San Pablo Ave. at MacDonald, Richmond. Cost is \$10. Make reservations with Louise Vogelsberg 510-233-0199. Business includes election of officers. At 1 p.m. discussion and consensus about LWV State/Local Election Systems Study.

Richard Roundtree

Richard Roundtree, star of the original

"Shaft" movie and a breast cancer survivor, will be giving a talk on breast cancer on April 5 at 6 p.m. Doctors Medical Center regional cancer center, 2000 Vale Rd. in San Pablo. Details: 510-970-5021.

Funding library chairs

The El Cerrito High School Library is trying to raise money to replace its broken chairs. The cost of one chair is \$125, and if an individual or family donates \$125, the chair will be named in their honor. However, any size donation is gratefully accepted. Checks should be made payable to: El Cerrito High School Library, and sent to: Mary Gray, PTSA Treasurer, 6802 Tahoe Place, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

El Cerrito Earth Day

El Cerrito is celebrating its 32nd Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 28. Over 38 parks and schools grounds will be sprung up from 8:30 till noon, after which the volunteers will be given a free barbecue lunch at the El Cerrito Community Center. Special events for this year will include a Native Planting workshop and shuttles from 1 to 4 p.m. from the community center to the West County Earth Day. If you want to volunteer, contact Janet Abelson at 510-525-7708 or earthday@ci-el-cerrito.ca.us.

EC Art Association

El Cerrito Art Association meets Monday, April 9, 7:30 to 9 p.m., in the Garden Room of the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. Renowned artist and teacher Leonard Bregor will be the guest speaker at the monthly meeting. He will critique club members' art works and has been asked to also show some of his works. He is known for his paintings of cut-out masonite shapes, both human and animal, that are whimsical or humorous. Public invited. Donation.

POLICE REPORTS

Thief lifts scale from supermarket

STAFF REPORT

EL CERRITO — On March 21 between 7 and 10 p.m., a Toyota Avalon was stolen from the 11800 block of San Pablo Avenue. The same week a Ford Explorer was stolen from the 5800 block of Barrett Avenue, according to a report.

Police called the owner of the second vehicle on March 26 to say they had recovered the license plate and advised him to notify the reporting officer to see whether they would release it or keep it as evidence.

Neither car has been found. ■ While the rate of car vandalism is as high as ever, the culprits remain elusive, as witnessed in several recent instances in El Cerrito.

A Honda Accord parked on the 2600 block of Francisco Way was ransacked the night of March 23, resulting in \$500 worth of damage and stolen items combined.

The same week, the rear window of a Chevy Malibu parked on the 500 block of Everett Street was apparently smashed by a rock, police said, resulting in \$100 worth of damage.

Perhaps the only good news is that car thieves often don't get what they're after, and many times end up with a handful of loose change instead of a new set of wheels.

For example, the face plate of a car stereo was all that was stolen from a Ford pickup parked on the 700 block of Ashbury Avenue the night of March 23. Police believe that whoever smashed the right window to enter the car intended to pry out the entire stereo, but could only remove the plate.

■ A digital scale was stolen from the produce section of Albertson's Food & Drug on 10700 San Pablo the evening of March 22 after someone cut the chain of the roll-up delivery door to enter, police said.

Store employees told the reporting officer they didn't see or hear anyone enter.

■ A wallet and contents worth \$90 was stolen from the room of a 96-year-old woman residing at a retirement home on 6510 Gladys Ave. in El Cerrito on March 23, according to a report.

■ On March 20 a 12-year-old woman was stopped while allegedly attempting to steal a \$165 worth of merchandise from Target Store at 11450 San Pablo.

Police said the suspect stole items from the shelves and placed them in a shopping cart and then wheeled them out the door.

No arrest was made.

■ Witnesses at 6109 Potrero Ave. told police on March 26, a young man stole his clothing without paying a bill.

■ The afternoon of March 26, a woman allegedly tried to steal a stolen check at the Wells Fargo on 9800 San Pablo, but was caught.

According to a report, she signed the rear of the check and provided a thumb print on the side, but fled in a green car after the door Ford when asked for identification. The bank returned the check, and no arrest has been made.

Youths start trash can fire in park restroom

By K. Osborn
CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — On the morning of March 25, an employee at Albany Middle School, on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue, reported that vandals had damaged the foul pole and fence posts in the baseball field and cut the mesh netting. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of March 25, officers checked out reports of graffiti on the BART path near Masonic and Brighton avenues. There were no witnesses to the vandalism.

■ At about 11:30 a.m. on March 25, a resident on the 800 block of Talbot Avenue reported that a few minutes prior a thief had entered her house through a side door and stole items. She gave officers a description of a subject she had observed walking away from her home going south toward Solano Avenue. Officers located a subject matching the description. The 34-year-old Oakland man was found to have incriminating evidence in his possession and was arrested. He was transported to Santa Rita jail.

■ On the afternoon of March 25, a resident on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that his window had been kicked in and cracked during the night and he felt he knew who had done it. Police are investigating.

■ On the night of March 25, a resident on the 1000 block of Kains Avenue reported that thieves had stolen the 2001 registration tags off the license plate of her Toyota Camry. There were no witnesses.

■ On the afternoon of March 26, a woman reported that while she was doing laundry on the 800 block of Carmel Avenue a thief stole her wallet from her purse. There were no witnesses.

■ On the afternoon of March 26, a resident on the 800 block of Key Route Boulevard reported that vandals had slashed the tires of his vehicle. There were no witnesses.

■ On the afternoon of March 27, a resident on the 1000 block of Kains Avenue reported that between noon on March 23 and the time of the report vandals had broken into her car and damaged the ignition. There were no witnesses.

■ On the afternoon of March 28, a 17-year-old girl reported that thieves had stolen her wallet from her backpack while in the art room at Albany High School. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 3 p.m. on March 28, officers responded to Memorial Park on the 1300 block of Portland Avenue on reports of a fire in the trash can of the men's restroom. Witnesses reported seeing two 10-year-old boys starting several fires in the area. Police are investigating.

■ On the morning of March 28, an employee at the Safeway Store on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue reported that a subject described as a black male adult, 5-foot-10, in his mid-20s, wearing a gray sweatshirt and blue jeans, loaded a shopping cart with groceries and left the store without paying. He was observed loading the items into his silver and blue Honda Accord and driving away. He was last seen traveling north on Santa Fe Avenue. Officers have the license plate number of the vehicle and are investigating.

■ On the morning of March 28, an Albany woman reported that the previous day, while at the library on the 1200 block of Marin Avenue, thieves stole a credit card from her purse when she left it unattended for about 20 minutes. She discovered the card missing when she learned that someone had run up over \$900 in charges on her card.

■ On the night of March 28, Oakland police reported locating a white '84 Toyota Tercel reported as stolen from Albany. The car was not damaged and the owner was notified.

■ On the morning of March 29 an employee at a video store on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that a subject described as a black male adult, 30 to 40 years of

age, about 5 feet tall, wearing a brown jacket, brown pants, brown baseball cap, took video tapes and ran from the store. The employee chased the subject into the Plaza, but lost him when he was investigating.

■ At about 3:30 p.m. on March 29, officers stopped a blue Trooper near Kains and Marin avenues for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 30-year-old black man, was found to have no standing warrants from various vehicle code violations. He was arrested, cited and released on a Notice to Appear.

■ On the evening of March 29, a resident on 555 Pierce reported that vandals had painted the sidewalks of two times of the Volvo that he had rented. There were no witnesses.

■ On the night of March 29, an incident on the 1200 block of Solano Avenue reported that a red van was parked for over a week in a garage stall and didn't belong. Officers did a check and found the car had been reported stolen from Richmond. It was taken to the owners notified.

■ At about 10:30 a.m. on March 30, officers stopped an RV on Marin Avenue near the Solano for a vehicle code violation. An officer called for back up and the driver fled, and he had the sengers held at gunpoint. The RV was apprehended, and the 13-year-old boy, a 15-year-old boy and a 17-year-old boy, all from land, were arrested when they found that the car they were driving was stolen. They were charged with burglary, conspiracy and possession of a stolen car and transported to Juvenile Hall.

■ At about 4 p.m. on March 30, a woman reported that while near Dartmouth Street and the Solano she was approached by a man who she described as a black adult in his 40s, 5-foot-6

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Three more join El Cerrito Chamber

El Cerrito Chamber

By Sewall Glinernick

Two more area businesses and a local activist have joined the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce in the past two weeks.

Joining as regular members were Kensington Dental Care and Hiram Design Group, while Christopher Ruetz added his name to the list of associate members.

If you're in need of a new smile, you'll want to visit the Chamber's newest member, Kensington Dental Care at 296 Arlington Ave.

Dr. Louie B. Mendoza, D.D.S., head of the firm and an expert in cosmetic dentistry, uses porcelain veneers to correct such things as discolored teeth, overlapping teeth and open bites. He can even, when required, lengthen teeth.

Dr. Mendoza, who also performs general dentistry, graduated from UC Santa Cruz, the UC San Francisco School of Dentistry, and recently completed a special cosmetic dentistry program.

Practicing in Kensington for the past 2-1/2 years, he offers dental care that is both personalized and comfortable and, for the convenience of his patients, stays open until 7 p.m. Tuesdays and works Saturday by appointment.

The second full membership went to the Hiram Design Group, which opened new offices recently at 7516 Fairmount Ave.

Details concerning the graphic design services offered by this firm, which is headed by Rodney



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AT EL CERRITO'S first Retailers' Roundtable were, front left to right back row: Beverly Hamile, director of the Contra Costa Small Business Development Center; speaker Kent Burnes; Marge Collins, Chamber of Commerce president; and Kathleen Perka, El Cerrito City Councilwoman. Front row: City Councilwoman Janet Abelson.

E. Hiram, will be reported in the next column.

For more information on the firm, call 510-528-8901.

Newest associate member is freelance marketing consultant and non-profit fund-raiser Christopher Ruetz, of 5508 MacDonald Ave.

Ruetz moved here four years

ago, and has been active in his neighborhood NEAT organization. He is also serving as a member of the city's new El Cerrito Economic Development Advisory Board.

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Students smoke out cigarette ads

Participants in 'Talking Tobacco' asked merchants to remove promotional signs

By Kate Darby Rauch
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — It looked liked it was going to be an afternoon of rejection — no one seemed to be taking them seriously.

Then, just when they started to regroup, success. A manager at the Safeway grocery store on San Pablo Avenue near Mooser Lane agreed to part ways with a plaque advertising Camel cigarettes.

Moods soared. "It feels good. They respected us," said Ebony Benard, 12, of Richmond. "We're going to give him more customers," chimed in Tiffany Ford, 12, also of Richmond, clutching a bag with the plaque.

Ebony and Tiffany were among about a dozen Portola Middle School students who spent their Monday afternoon asking shopkeepers near their school to take down 50 percent of

their cigarette advertising.

In return, they explained, they would bring in more customers, sending family and friends.

At a liquor store, workers looked puzzled and said there was nothing they could do; the owner wasn't in. At a gas station, employees said it was a bad time and they couldn't talk. The students trudged on to Safeway.

The effort is part of a semester-long after-school program called "Talking Tobacco." Run by the non-profit agency Bay Area Community Resources, it teaches students practical steps they can take to help reduce smoking. Community Resources offers a variety of educational programs throughout the Bay Area.

In addition to Portola, the tobacco education program is offered at Willard Middle School in Berkeley and Cesar Chavez Academy in East Palo Alto.

Mentors from UC Berkeley, Contra Costa Community College and the College of San Mateo are taught the tobacco industry and then trained to work with the middle school students.

The program is financed by Proposition 99, a voter-approved tobacco tax.

The middle school students, who volunteer for the program but are given incentives such as pizza and T-shirts, are taught about the impact of smoking and secondhand smoke.

They also study the influence of advertising and look for tangible ways to try to reduce smoking.

"I want them to learn they can actually have an impact," said Sandra Meucci, the director of Talking Tobacco.

Just hearing about the medical consequences of smoking or even seeing graphic anti-smoking posters isn't enough to deter many kids from picking up the habit, Meucci said.

Her approach is to teach them they can be powerful advocates for health, standing up to the messages of advertising, she said.

"I'm trying to get them to feel they're part of a larger social movement."

Next, the students will tackle ways to help family members stop smoking.



SANDRA MEUCCI and Portola Middle School seventh graders Lavena Taylor and Sierra Robinson at the Tesoro gas station at the corner of Moser Lane and San Pablo Avenue in El Cerrito. They were part of a larger group of students asking merchants to take down tobacco advertising from their stores.

School employees get 8 percent retroactive raise

The Albany Unified School District's clerical and maintenance workers will get an 8 percent raise retroactive to Jan. 1.

The deal, ratified by the school board Tuesday, is similar to one that the teachers union rejected last month as inadequate.

District negotiators had offered the 8 percent increase last month to the three unions representing salaried employees. Members of two unions, California School Employees Association Chapter 679 and Service Employees International Local 790, ratified it. Leaders of the Albany Teachers Association rejected the offer as inadequate. With the equivalent of 67 full-time clerical and 30 full-time maintenance positions, the district will spend about \$124,000 under the agreement for the January-to-June period, said assistant superintendent Walter Wallace.

In November, teachers union and school district negotiators had agreed on a 10 percent increase retroactive to October, but the school board rejected it as too costly. Since then, the school board has made about \$500,000 in cuts. With the equivalent of 67 full-time clerical and 30 full-time maintenance positions, the district will spend about \$124,000 under the agreement for the January-to-June period, said Assistant Superintendent Walter Wallace. Each 1 percent increase in teacher salaries costs the district \$102,000 a year.

Under the agreements ratified Tuesday, should teachers negotiate a better deal than 8 percent increase, then the clerical and custodial workers would automatically get it too.

Teachers union president David De Hart called the provision, known as a "one tier" clause, "a tactic by the board to get these unions to settle."

"I think it's bad that they (the other unions) settled without sticking with the teachers," De Hart said. Teachers will now carry the burden of negotiating a better deal for all the workers without counting on the other unions support, De Hart said.

Wallace said the clause merely formalizes standing board policy to treat all employee groups equally.

Mediation with the Albany Teachers Association continues this month.

El Cerrito proclamation on quake preparedness

The City Council passed a proclamation earlier this week declaring April 2001 to be earthquake preparedness month in El Cerrito.

"Gov. Davis and the State Office of Emergency Services have encouraged every Californian to increase the level of emergency preparedness in the household, neighborhood and community," the proclamation states. April 2001 has been chosen as earthquake preparedness month in the state as well.

The proclamation also points out that the Neighborhood Emergency Assistance Teams (NEAT) program provides the community "with year-round activities and training in emergency preparedness" and has a scheduled drill on Saturday, April 7, for graduates of the NEAT training course.

Show will highlight local student art

The annual West Contra Costa Unified School District Middle and High Schools art show is now being held at the Richmond Art Center at 25th and Barrett Avenue in Richmond.

The show opened this week and runs through May 16. Admission is free and there is wheelchair access. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays. Call 510-620-6772 for more information.

Mayor's discussion session canceled

Because of a family emergency Mayor Larry Damon will be unable to hold his weekly discussion session this Saturday.

The mayor has been holding discussion sessions, open to any topic, Saturday mornings at City Hall. The sessions normally occur in Conference Room A at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave., from 10 a.m. to noon. Damon said the session will be rescheduled.

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mon said the April 14 discussion session is still scheduled.

EBMUD project completion looms

The East Bay Municipal Utility District pressure rate control project at Fairmount and Clayton avenues across from Harding Elementary School should be completed in the next week or two, according to John Carleton, EBMUD's superintendent of maintenance support east. Carleton said a pressure regulator valve was added to the section.

There apparently have been neighborhood rumors that Fairmount Avenue was to be disturbed next for more EBMUD work, but Carleton said the Clayton Avenue project is all he has planned for now. "We've got to pour the curb," Carleton said. "I've got a rush order to have that curb poured right away. As soon as it's poured then we can get the lid in there and we'll be out of there."

"They put in a flow rate control station," said Steve Strapac, El Cerrito's city engineer. "There's a 30-inch pipeline going down Clayton," Strapac explained. "They put a room underground that you can get into and have access to that pipe," he added. Strapac confirmed that no additional work is currently planned for Fairmount Avenue.

YMCA Community Prayer Breakfast April 10

The Berkeley-Albany YMCA is hosting its 61st annual Community Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Berkeley Radisson Marina.

This year's breakfast will feature Robert Wilkins, an ordained Baptist minister and president and CEO of the YMCA of the East Bay. Berkeley resident Wendell Brooks will provide a special musical number.

The cost for the breakfast is \$12. If you would like to purchase tickets or need additional information, contact the YMCA at 510-549-4524.

Award-winning poems on the air on 'Torah Talk'

"Torah Talk," a radio program on Jewish subjects, will present winning poems from the Judah L. Magnes Museum's 14th annual international competition for poems on the Jewish experience.

The April 15 program, hosted by author Howard Felson, will air at 8 p.m. on KECG-FM, 88.1 (El Cerrito) and 97.7 (San Pablo). "Torah Talk" is on the air from 8 to 9 p.m. the third Sunday of each month.

Recorded live at the 2000 Rosenberg Award ceremony in Berkeley in December, the program includes winning works by Elana Klugman, who took first prize, Richard Fein, second, and Susan Thomas and Melisa Cahnmann, who tied for third.

The Rosenberg Award was established by the Magnes Museum and Anna Davidson Rosenberg's descendants in her memory. Rosenberg, who came to California at the turn of the last century, was renowned for her leadership role in volunteer efforts.

The Judah L. Magnes Museum is at 2911 Russell St. It is open Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There are no admission fees, but donations are accepted.

Call 510-549-6950.

Girls' softball league golf scramble fund-raiser

The Albany Berkeley Girls' Softball League (ABGSL) will host its first Annual Softball Scramble Golf Tournament on Friday, May 11 at Tilden Park Golf Course to raise funds to develop a softball field at Longfellow School in Berkeley.

Serving over 200 girls each season for 19 years, ABGSL is an all-volunteer league that organizes softball teams open to all girls in 1st through 9th grade. The league emphasizes sound skill development, fun, and participation for every player, regardless of skill or previous experience.



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If you would like to join them for an afternoon of fun, friendly golf, or if you would like to sponsor a hole, call Mike Birnbach at 510-525-0199 by April 20.

Chef Show and Wine Tasting April 22

Soroptimist International of Richmond, a branch of the world's largest service organization for business and professional women, will host "Culinary Caper — Annual Chef Show and Wine Tasting" on Sunday, April 22, from noon to 3 p.m. Admission is \$30 for reservations prior to the event and \$35 at the door. The event will take place at Rockefeller Lodge, 2650 Market St., San Pablo.

Prominent chefs and caterers from the Bay Area will serve appetizers, entrees and desserts, and vintners and breweries will showcase their wines.

Door prizes will be awarded, and those who attend will be able to purchase raffle tickets for exciting trips and prizes.

Each year Soroptimist members

select several non-profit agencies to support through fund-raising events held in their community.

This year to date, the club has awarded \$19,000 in service funds to Women Stand Up Against Violence, Rape Crisis Center, Elder Abuse Prevention, Contra Costa College Softball Team, the Richmond Art Center Art Reach program, and Soroptimist Scholarship funds and special projects.

For details and reservations, call 510-237-2355.

Art funding for local schools awarded

The Julia Morgan Center for the Arts has been awarded \$150,000 for an arts education program at Bay Area schools, including Mira Vista Elementary in Richmond and Thousand Oaks and Longfellow middle schools in Berkeley.

The grant from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation will pay for a two-week summer training workshop for 40 teachers and will provide partial support for setting up the program at their schools.

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Opinion

Long time Albany worker Joe Fisher will retire

You've probably seen Joe Fisher working around Albany many times. He's the tall, genial fellow with the neatly trimmed mustache and beard who wears the orange coveralls of the Public Works Division of the Community Development Department.

Fisher is a grade two maintenance worker, the highest there is, and he has been doing anything that needed to be done in the department for the past 19 years. But at 63, he is retiring, and May 2 will be his last day on the job.

"I have had a great time here," he told me. "I have enjoyed my fellow workers and the citizens we worked for immensely. I leave with a lot of good memories."

Fisher's boss at Public Works, Roger Anderman, says of him, "Joe does things right. We have all benefited from the high quality of his work. His specialty is landscaping, but he did everything, unclogging storm drains, whatever it took. In a built-out city like Albany, maintenance is the key to everything."

Prior to working for Albany, Fisher was with the Richmond Park Department for 23 years. He was also a reserve officer in the Richmond Police Department in the turbulent 60's. He says he was involved in riot control when shots were flying.

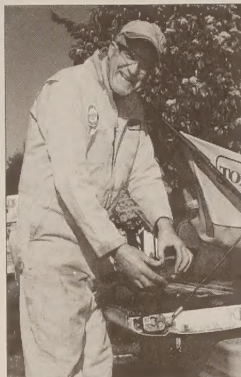
Fisher commutes from his home in San Leandro and is proud of the fact that he has never been late to work. Although he was born in Oakland and lived in this area all his life, he and his wife, Elaine, plan to move to Heber Springs, Arkansas, where he bought a house in the foothills of the Ozark's 10 years ago. He looks forward to doing some fishing and traveling.

Good luck, Joe! You will be missed in Albany.



DAVE GREER

Man About Town



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

JOE FISHER is retiring from the Public Works Department after 19 years.

the pervasive and often violent repression of any but politically correct leftist dogma in the halls of academe.

None of the reports I have seen on the current brouhaha have mentioned "Heterodoxy," although note was taken of Horowitz's non-profit Center for the Study of Popular Culture, which publishes it. This odd omission could be either the result of journalistic ignorance, common enough, or the fear that somebody might become interested and read the thing.

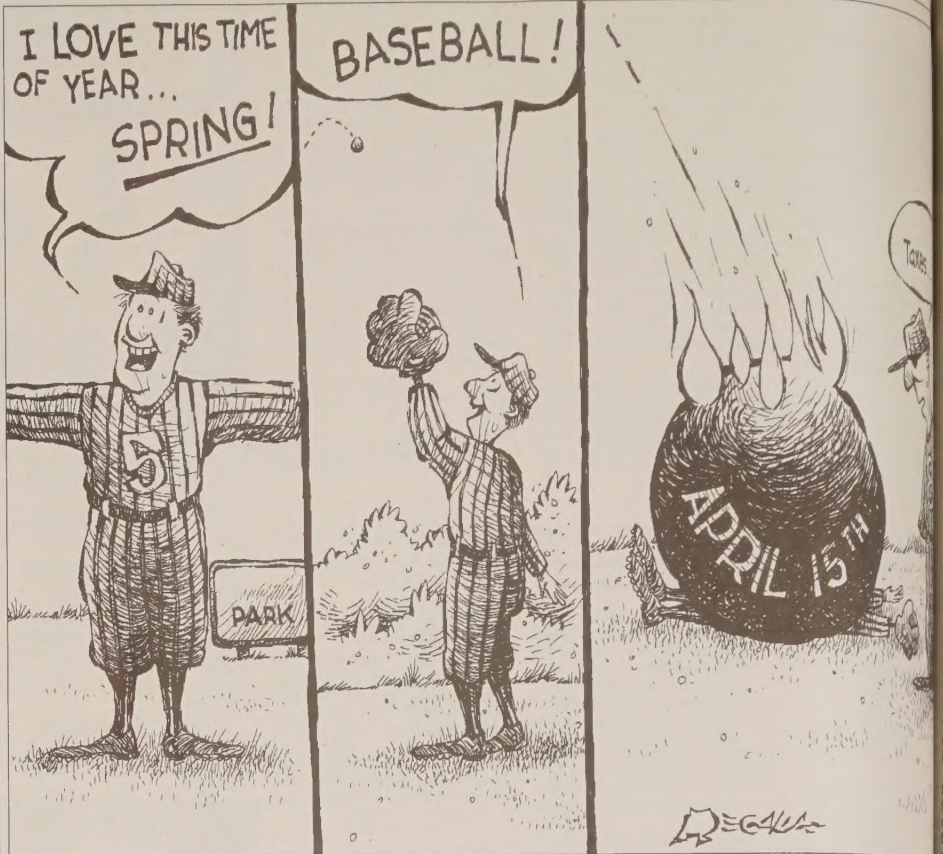
The paper's logo is, "Articles and Animadversions on Political Correctness and Other Follies," which is what it delivers in a literate and hard-hitting manner. After a decade, the paper will soon cease publication and fold into the center's online webzine Front-pagemag.com. I recommend it to any who care to know what is really going on in the schools which shape the shapers of opinion and the leaders of this nation.

City Gets Humping: The first wave of requests for speed humps has come rolling into the Traffic and Safety Commission. Sixty percent or over of the residents on sections of Ordway Street and Carmel Avenue signed petitions requesting the traffic calming devices. Occupants were eligible to sign, whether they were owners or renters. City staff verified the signatures.

The petitions on Ordway were for humps between Marin and Sonoma avenues and between Posen and the Berkeley border. On Carmel, humps were sought for the block between Washington and Solano Avenues.

Petitions for calming on Curtis Street between Marin Avenue and the Berkeley border and on Santa Fe Avenue from Marin to the border may also be considered, although they came in after the February 28 deadline. If the commission accepts them, it will prioritize all petitions and make recommendations to the City Council regarding their approval.

The matter will be on the agenda at the commission's regular Thursday, April 26 meeting at 7 a.m. in the Albany City Hall Council chambers. People on streets surrounding those which petitioned for humps have been notified. Concerns that traffic will be diverted to these streets will be heard by the commission.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Good news and bad news

Many thanks are due to the El Cerrito Fire Department for carefully protecting flowering plants, particularly blue lupines, in the Hillside Natural area when making fire protection cutting and controlled burning in the area enjoyed by many people who walk in the park area. Particular thanks are due to Gordon, who does the brush and grass cutting in the area. He recognizes the beautiful flowering plants and cuts the grass around the plants. The blue lupines are blooming beautifully now and will continue for a few months.

Now for the bad news. The city of El Cerrito had two men with grass cutters cut a four-foot strip adjacent to the sidewalk on the north side of Moeser Lane, destroying a bed of lupines carefully cultivated by neighbors. Shortly after that, they sprayed the area with herbicides. Today, only one lupine plant lives in the area.

George Gates
El Cerrito

Tree removal issue is straightforward

This is in response to some published arguments against the planned removal of selected Monterey pines from the upper portion

of Canyon Trail Park in El Cerrito.

Alan Hiller, in his letter to The Journal, writes at some length about a devastating harvest and "timber thieves." The planned removal is neither devastating nor a harvest. I examined the pines in the park and found none with any commercial value whatsoever. There is some potential fuel wood value, I suppose, if one were foolish enough to use the wood for that purpose. (Monterey pine is very resinous, and therefore its use presents real danger of tarring one's chimney with only partially burned pitch, a very dangerous substance.)

One resident on Fern Street seems concerned she will lose her entire view. I think this is hardly the case at all with the planned removal. A few residents on the upper side of Fern would lose some of their "horizon" view of tree tops growing up on the plateau, but even they would still be looking at a lot of trees.

Rosemary Loubal, writing about scientists' opinions on diseased trees, states "... others [surviving trees] will undergo remission and survive indefinitely." I am pretty sure nothing survives indefinitely, especially living organisms, plants and animals. Just because Monterey pines may live for 80 years or more, does not mean these trees will. In fact, I very much doubt they will. And in the meantime, hazards increase, as does the eventual cost of removal. This increased cost consists of higher costs because of size, difficulty in working in

diseased-weakened trees, and protecting surrounding vegetation at the time of removal.

Another observation I made during my examination is that my principal aesthetic experience of the park came from the alders and oaks and related species rather than from the planted conifers, the pines and redwoods. I was also surprised to note there were many beautiful oaks already in place that I had never noticed. Some of these might respond favorably to release from the pine overstory. Also, while walking in the canyon, I realized I had rarely, really rarely encountered another person in the canyon portion. It seems that almost all actual use of the park itself is in the tennis court, lawn area, and the clubhouse. Concerns over the ambience and aesthetic experience of the park by residents of the city as a whole may be exaggerated.

I see the present issue as pretty straight forward. The city planted trees that should not have been planted. These trees present an ever increasing fire danger, with the potential of catastrophe. These same trees have systematically removed valuable views of people who had every right to expect these views to continue. Despite complaints, nothing has been done. Now, biology, hazard assessments, and increased complaints have finally forced the issue. With funding now provided, prompt action by the same city which planted the offending trees is the only rational course.

Tom Smithberger
El Cerrito

VIEWPOINT

Canyon Trail Park: A historical perspective

Not so long ago, El Cerrito, like much of Contra Costa County, was a fairly barren and brownish landscape, devoid of any "native" trees of any significance. There were a few scattered oaks and bay trees along the creek beds, scrawny and undersized redwoods and laurel in the hills. The only real "native" vegetation in any abundance was scrub brush and grasses. From time to time the dried brush caught fire and portions of El Cerrito were engulfed in flames.

It is somewhat ironic, in that federal, state and many local municipalities in California during the 1850-1880s urged early inhabitants and businesses alike to plant large species, among them the eucalyptus, Monterey pine and redwood to ameliorate the dry climate, as well as provide timber, firewood, medicines and shade. Governments supplied free tree seedlings and plants by the millions to Californians. There was even a state law, the Agri-

culture Act of 1858, prohibiting the removal of these trees in public areas and along roadways.

We seem to have come full circle after the 1991 Oakland fire that engendered hysteria and panic among many who wrongly blamed the trees for "causing" the fire. Current research at the University of California and the state colleges has concluded that a freeze preceding the fire, following years of neglect of the accumulation of dried vegetation and grasses, failure to keep pine needles and tree leaves cleared under the trees were most likely to have set events in motion that culminated in the Oakland fire.

However, a few seized the opportunity to push through a Draconian ordinance: "Obstruction of Views by Trees," in El Cerrito that forbids the planting of either Monterey pine, Monterey cypress, redwood trees or eucalyptus on private property in the city—without a vote of the homeowners and

residents of this community, and without a similar prohibition on buildings that "obstruct views."

From the forbidding the planting of so-called "non-native" species on private property, El Cerrito has progressed to the proposed extermination of healthy and aesthetically pleasing large trees already in existence at Canyon Trail Park because city staff people seem unable to devise a plan for regular park maintenance — at a time in our history when the energy crisis, greater congestion, air pollution is on the rise. A large tree removes 300-400 tons of air pollutants a year, some 60-70 times more pollution than a small tree. A single large tree can release up to 400 gallons of water into the atmosphere each day, thereby tempering our arid climate. Mature trees serve as a refuge for the many bird and animal species in our midst, absorb noise pollution, as well as improve our aesthetic environment, contribute to the quality

of life in our community. During the late 1990s many other cities in Contra Costa County have passed tree conservation and heritage tree ordinances. These very "non-native" species are trees that we have, would not cost money to better spent on caring for Cerrito's magnificent Monterey pines and wherever possible plant diverse species? Shouldn't El Cerrito homeowners and residents have the opportunity to vote on El Cerrito's ordinance and policy prohibiting Monterey pines and other "native" trees?

It takes only a day to cut down a tree and a lifetime to grow one. Our heritage do we want to leave to the children of El Cerrito? Contact: Evelyn Kirsner, Linda Blum, Jamini Oll, De Sandra Basso, Weber, Edwin Weber, Daniel DeLeon, Chae, Mary...

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— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

They call them the Breeze — they keep running down that road

Girl Power: Welcome home to Berkeley High seniors Mia Anakali, Alice Brugger, Mariko Holland, Esther Schmidt, Rachel Williams, Chelsea Zussman and Gabriela Casal. Collectively, they're known as the Berkeley Breeze; and they're just back from Italy, where they ran in the Rome Marathon.

The race took them past many of the Eternal City's most celebrated sites, including the Trevi Fountain (which they tossed coins into as they ran past) and ancient Roman ruins like the Forum, the Pantheon, Trajan's Column and the Coliseum.

"I've been studying Latin since forever," says Mia, "so it was really a thrill to see these places I've been picturing in my mind all these years."

And how did they fare athletically?

"Great!" says Gabriela. "They all finished the race, and there were no major injuries. I am so proud of them."

Gabriela, as I noted a few weeks ago, can't run with the others because she blew out her knees in a skiing accident when she was 14. So she's their manager/trainer/spokeswoman/mor-



MARTIN SNAPP

Snapp Shots

ale officer. During the race she rendezvoused with them at pre-selected meeting points with fresh supplies of water, Power Bars, power gel, chewing gum and Advil. Lots of Advil. Lots and lots of Advil.

"I swear, they're probably still taking Advil, even as we speak," says Gabriela. "They were sooooo sore the next day. They literally couldn't walk up and down stairs. It created a bit of a problem. You know how Italian men sometimes can be really aggressive? I could walk away really fast, but they couldn't."

They had some amazing non-racing adventures, too, including a memorable hike in the hills above Positano that ended in a sumptuous 5-course banquet above the clouds.

Or an equally memorable (but in a different way) ferry ride to the Isle of Capri that taught them the

true meaning of *mal de mer*.

Or the time they stumbled into a 25-year class reunion of the local high school and ended up spending the evening teaching middle-aged Italians how to do all the latest American dances, especially the Electric Slide.

"But the best part was that when we met a woman named Sarah Freels," says Gabriela. "She grew up in the Bay Area but lives in Italy. She read about us on the Internet; I don't know if she read your column or something else. And she was so inspired, she gave us a check for \$500 for the room at Children's Hospital, plus another \$500 check from her father."

The girls are running for a worthy cause: to raise \$50,000 to build a germ-free recreation room at Children's Hospital in Oakland for young cancer patients who are vulnerable to infection. The checks are still coming in, but the best guess is that they're about halfway toward their goal. And their next fund raiser?

"I don't know," says Gabriela. "Maybe we should do an Advil commercial."

(If you'd like to contribute, send

a check made out to the Children's Hospital Foundation to Chelsea's dad, Neil Zussman, 2893 Buena Vista, Berkeley, CA 94708.)

As I mentioned last time, the Breezers are doing all this in honor of their friend Gabe Catalfo, who died two years ago from leukemia.

But what I didn't know at the time was that they were keeping the whole thing secret from Gabe's parents until the last second as a surprise.

"We didn't have a clue that this was going on until Gabriela called to tell us about their effort and the press coverage," says Gabe's dad, Phil Catalfo. "It's a good thing she did, because if we'd read the article without warning, the neighbors probably would have had to call 911!"

"Needless to say, we're immensely pleased, proud, touched and grateful. Gabriela is like a daughter to us, and the others were also good friends of Gabe's. We already knew they were great people, but now we're just in awe of them."

Another way in which Gabe is being honored is the new Gabe Catalfo Field at Harrison

Park, which is providing much-needed playing fields for kids in Berkeley and Albany.

"I was just down there the other night," says Phil, "and I was just beside myself, watching dozens of kids racing around under the lights where little more than a year ago there was just weeds and debris. This park is one case in which we can say we did the right thing, especially the right thing by the children. At the risk of being simplistic, I can't help thinking that if we were more consistent about that, we'd have more stories along the lines of the Berkeley Breeze and fewer along the lines of Santana High."

Ready for another story about cool youngsters? Meet Hannah Scott and Emily Wagner, both eighth graders at Willard Middle School. I was walking down Claremont last Sunday when I ran into Emily and Hannah sitting at a table in front of Semifreddi's, conducting an experiment for their science class.

On the table were two rows of paper cups with water in them. One row of cups contained bottled water, the other held tap water. As

one of the test subjects, I had to taste a cup from each row and guess which was which.

Two days later, they called me with the results. "We tested 31 people, and 18 guessed right," says Hannah. "That makes 58 percent." (By the way, I was one of the 42% who guessed wrong.)

The girls also asked the test subjects what kind of water they usually drink themselves, but that didn't seem to matter when it came to guessing which sample was tap and which was bottled. "The people who guessed right were evenly split between tap and bottled water drinkers," says Emily.

However, they did discover one factor that dramatically affected the ability to tell tap water from bottled: gender.

"Eighty-one percent of the women we tested got it right, but only 57 percent of the men," says Hannah. "So I guess woman's intuition pays off!"

You go, girls.

Phone Martin Snapp at 510-273-9039, e-mail him at catman@callifornia.com, or write him c/o Hills Newspapers, 1969 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, CA 94611.

Swing Dance and Dinner gala set for April 28

The Albany Soroptimist and Rotary Clubs are sponsoring a swing dance and dinner extravaganza from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on April 28 at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 1325 Portland Ave. in Albany. The event will feature a full course dinner and drinks, live big band music, dance lessons, raffle and silent auction.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for seniors and children, \$60 for a four-ticket family package. All proceeds from the event are used to fund Soroptimist and Rotary community service projects.

For more information call Kathy Lee at 524-6308, drop by and purchase tickets at the Albany Adult School, 601 San Gabriel Ave. at Brighton, or contact a friend who is an Albany Soroptimist or Rotarian.

Safety and Preparedness Fair is April 14

Berkeley's first Safety and Preparedness Fair, on Saturday April 14, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Civic Center Park (Martin Luther King and Alameda Way), promises to have lots of interactive events. You'll be able to have your blood pressure checked, your children's fingerprints taken, and your bicycle licensed for free. You'll also meet Dylan, the Fire Department's Search and Rescue dog, staff and equipment from the city's Vol Lending Library, vendors with gas shut-off valves, earthquake supplies, fire safety equipment and more. Free prizes will be given throughout the day. Details: 510-644-8766. The city encourages you to use public transportation or ride your bike to downtown Berkeley.

Exploring the wineries, fineries of the Central Coast

Here's a sugarc coated, chocolate-sprinkled recommendation. Put Solvang on your list of places to visit in our Golden State. We just returned from an entertaining four-day getaway to Santa Barbara County, and our adventures began in that Danish community.

Actually, the fun started at Smith & Hook and Hahn Estate Wineries (831-678-2132). We stopped there to picnic after battling our way through the Bay Area Friday morning commute. South of Salinas, the wineries are located in the western foothills just minutes off 101.

Their tasting room sports a deck overlooking the hillside vineyards and, off in the distance, the imposing Pinnacles National Monument. Packing a picnic and stopping at a winery is our favorite way to take a break when traveling in Mary Ann's vintage two-seater. It's old enough that the state might eventually require us to wear a bumper sticker reading "Please don't hit us, we don't have airbags," and classy enough that we never would.

By the way, heading south there are any number of wineries worth your time. The Monterey County Vintners and Growers Association (831-375-9400) and the Santa Barbara County Vintners Association (800-218-0881) will happily send you maps to chart your course. The drive into Solvang is an eye-popping treat.

Once through Buellton, Highway 246 passes tree-lined, white-fenced horse ranches and then abruptly puts you right in the heart of Denmark, or so you'll think. Founded in 1911 by a group of Danish educa-



MIKE CLEARY

The Food and Travel Enthusiast

tors, Solvang (which means "Sunny Field") is nestled between the Santa Ynez and San Rafael mountain ranges. This tourist mecca is still home to Danish-American residents who scrupulously hold to the town's Scandinavian virtues of friendliness, charm, quaintness and cleanliness.

Jackie Traylor of the Solvang Conference and Visitors Bureau (800-GO-SOLVANG) had invited us down to be a part of their annual "Taste of Solvang." This is a weekend food-fest that draws thousands to the area.

The Friday night Dessert Reception at the Veteran's Hall is the official kickoff to the festival. This year, Jackie asked if we would be judges in the dessert competition. And, this is where it gets sticky (pardon the pun). There were three awards to hand out and at least a dozen dessert dispensers.

The crowd looked to be locals who knew their sweets. Remember, this is a town where the expression "save room for dessert" means skipping the appetizer and entree en-

tirely. We were horrified. Firstly, how could we taste some 24 different desserts, and then go on to dinner? Secondly, how would we announce the winners without drawing the ire of the assembled Solvangians? Mary Ann to the rescue. We would walk from table to table asking people their favorites. Why not? Everybody had an opinion. Even the children, who looked like they just starred in a "Got Milk" commercial, chimed in.

We finally arrived at a consensus without damaging two stomachs still looking forward to wine, appetizer and entree. Solvang Bakery won for a Strawberry Parfait Cake (Hint: don't use chocolate if you ever get in a dessert duel). Oslo's Danish Village Bakery won Best of Show for a "Sarah Bernhardt." It's a Danish dessert classic built with macaroon, chocolate mousse and dipped in dark chocolate. The Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory won for best confection. All three have shops in town you must visit.

We stayed our two nights at the Royal Scandinavian Inn (805-688-8000) and, like the other hotels in the area, it was welcoming, comfortable and close to everything. That same weekend the inn played host to Mystery Weekenders, a group that meets and solves a fake murder. No, the victim did not die of dessert overdose.

We did dine, and heartily. Cafe Angelica and the Royal Scandia Restaurant were our choices of some two dozen eateries in town, and we enjoyed them both. While running one morning, we encountered a huge crowd gathered on the main street. They were waiting patiently for a table at Paula's Pancake House. If you're a breakfast fan, take note.

Next time: engaging Los Olivos, a visit to Santa Barbara's oldest win-

ery, one of our best lunch experiences ever and the newest and glitziest resort on the coast.

Cheers.

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ALBANY PTA

by Kay Weinstein

Albany PTA Council

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April 16, Site Council Meeting, 6 p.m., AHS Office Conference Room

April 17, Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Room TBA

April 18, Athletic Council Meeting, 6 p.m., AHS Room 38, Agenda Items: athletic field maintenance, possible athletic program reductions, and coaching vacancies.

April 28, 7 pm, Theater Study Class presents five short plays directed and produced by the advanced students, about two hours long, free, AHS Little Theater.

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Albany Middle School

Interested parents may receive the daily bulletin and important announcements by e-mail. Contact Linda Okamoto at alanhome@lmi.net

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Homework Club, Monday-Thursday, 3:15-4:15, AMS Library. If available any day, e-mail Sara Danielson at sara@albany.k12.ca.us

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to provide teacher treats April 27, May 25. If you can bring bagels and cream cheese, muffins, fruit or vegetable trays, call Karen McKeown at 415-262-9636 (work) or kzmkeown@yahoo.com

April 19, Parent Ed Night on TeenPower, 7:15-9:45 p.m., AMS Library. Questions in advance to Erika Holmes, 243-0543

April 26, Site Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

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Cornell Elementary

April 17, PTA Meeting, 6 p.m.

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Marin Elementary

April 26, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Marin Multi-Purpose Room

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Ocean View Elementary

April 26, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Ocean View Library

May 5, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Annual Walkathon, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, call Barbara Ridley, 528-9026

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AUSD Board of Education

April 24, Regular Meeting, 7:30 PM, Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

Albany

FROM PAGE A2

165 pounds and wearing blue jeans who asked for money. He then grabbed her chest and ran off toward Gilman Street. He was gone when officers arrived.

At about 9:30 p.m. on March 30, an Albany man reported that his 14-year-old son and a friend were the victims of a strong-arm robbery during the afternoon near Washington and Talbot avenues.

At 2 a.m. on March 31, officers stopped a white '96 Saturn 4-door on San Pablo Avenue near Camellia Street for erratic driving. The driver, a 28-year-old Berkeley man, was found to be intoxicated and was arrested.

On the morning of March 31, a resident on the 1000 block of Pomona Avenue reported that during the night, thieves had broken into his black '91 Nissan pickup.

On the morning of March 31, officers located a blue '86 Toyota pickup on the 500 block of Cleveland Avenue reported as stolen from El Cerrito.

On the afternoon of March 31, a

resident on the 900 block of Albany Avenue reported that thieves had broken into her silver Dodge Caravan. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of March 31, a resident on the 1000 block of Albany Avenue reported that during the night, thieves had broken into his black '90 Toyota SW.

On the afternoon of April 1, a resident on the 1300 block of Albany Avenue reported that thieves had broken into his car and stolen the license plate off his car.

On the morning of April 1, a resident on the 1000 block of Albany Avenue reported that during the night, vandals had broken into his car and shed in their rear yard, making it unsafe and let their dog out.

During the week of March 31, Albany officers towed four cars and responded to 10 lost or decreased items.

Three people who were injured in their house or car, and responded to two reports of burning debris in a domestic arena, officers responded to civil disturbances and 121 calls.

Officers stopped 63 cars and issued 19 citations and 47 warnings. Albany firefighters responded to 21 medical emergencies.

Chamber

FROM PAGE A2

Nine more reinvest

In the past few weeks, nine more members have reinvested in the Chamber: Mark Perez D.D.S., petvet/Petfood, Contra Costa County Workforce Investment Board, Hackenberg Books, El Cerrito Jewelers, V.G. White Jewelers, Discount Mart's Bay Tackle, Pacific Bell, and AT&T Broadband.

City manager guest speaker

Chamber members will have a chance to meet, greet and listen to Scott Hanin, El Cerrito's new city manager, at the business organization's April business luncheon.

The session is set for noon, Tuesday, April 24, at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club.

Reservations are required and may be made by telephoning the Chamber office at 510-233-7040 on or before Friday, April 20.

Members asked to help

Chamber members are being

asked to help with this year's Earth Day celebration with donations of cash, food and other items. Again this year, the Chamber and Sustainable El Cerrito are sponsoring Earth Day 2001, scheduled for Saturday, April 14.

Earth Day activities include, but are not limited to, donations from businesses and residents. A letter with donation information was mailed to members of the local business community wishing to donate money. Members asked to make their donation payable to the City of El Cerrito, 10890 San Pablo Ave. Those wishing to donate food or other items should contact the Earth Day Committee at 510-215-4350.

Principals for a Day

In the coming weeks, members of the Chamber will be "shadowing" the principals of schools as they carry out their day duties. Participating in the program are Vena Flint, Madeline Kensington schools; Mary Jo El Cerrito High School; Clayway, Harding School; and Hazen, Castro School.

EL CERRITO PTA

By Linda Takimoto
CORRESPONDENT

Bayside Council of PTAs

May 7, Council meeting, 7 p.m. in the faculty room at Pinole Middle School, 1575 Mann St., Pinole.

Adams Middle School

Mark your calendars. On Saturday, May 19, Adams Middle School will be sponsoring a school wide flea market. All proceeds will benefit either the PTA, school club or group of students (i.e., Academy or sixth, seventh, eighth grade class). Adams is located at 5000 Patterson Circle, Richmond. Also on this day, Mira Vista Elementary School, which is located a few blocks from Adams, holds its annual Garden Sale. This is a great opportunity for the community to visit both schools and to show their support.

Join Adams PTA - Membership is only \$6. Checks are payable to "Adams PTA." Please mail all checks to Adams PTA, 5000 Patterson Circle, Richmond, CA 94805.

The Adams library is collecting empty computer ink jet cartridges (the small ink jet cartridges — black and/or color; no laser cartridges or copier toner cartridges). There is a collection bucket in the library on the third floor.

Anyone who shops at Albertson's can help us by using the Albertson Community Partner card. There is no cost to the member. If you are interested in receiving a card, please send a note to the Adams PTA at 5000 Patterson Circle, Richmond, CA 94805 and a card will be sent to you. We are also participating in the

Target Guest Card and eScrip program (Adams ID#4654695). If you are interested in helping, please call the PTA voice message line or send an email message to cchan2429@aol.com.

PTA E-mail - Weekly PTA bulletins are being sent. If you know any friends or neighbors who might be interested, please send your email address to Connie Chan Kucera at cchan2429@aol.com

Adams: PTA Voice Message line is (510) 464-1360, ext 70. Call this number to hear the weekly bulletins. Pass on this phone number to people who do not have e-mail.

Read about Adams on the Internet: Access the PTA newsletter at www.elcerritoptawire.com and type "Adams Middle School" in the search box. Access the student newspaper, the Falcon Flyer, at: www.high-wired.net/Paper/PageOne/0,1859,964,00.html

Castro Elementary

April 11 - PTA meeting, 7:30p.m. in the library.

Fundraisers: Castro is enrolled in eScrip (ID#137627554), Albertson's, Target, and SchoolPop fundraising programs. Call Peggy Wilcox at 236-0761 to learn how you can benefit Castro when you shop.

El Cerrito High

April 6, CASINO NIGHT, 7-11 p.m., El Cerrito Community Center. This is the only school-wide fundraiser for ECHS. Come enjoy an evening of wonderful food, casino games and music. Tickets are \$25 or 2 for \$40. Money raised will go toward an electronic sign and school-

ships for deserving graduating seniors. All adults are welcome. For tickets or information/questions call Janet McKnight at 525-3272.

April 10, School Site Council Meeting, 4 p.m., ECHS Library.

April 10, PTSA meeting, 7 p.m., Room 812.

April 11, Grad Nite Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Rm. 812. Come help us make this year's Grad Nite party one our students will never forget. Email Vickie Nolan, nope6@aol.com, to find out how you can get involved. All parents are welcome!

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Want to be kept informed of all events, activities, tests date, college info, etc.? Join the ECHS email forum. All school notices will be emailed to you. To sign up, please email Joann Steck-Bayat at jsbayat@home.com. Be sure to specify that you would like to be added to the ECHS email forum.

Harding Elementary

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After School Classes include tennis, dance and drama. Call the school at 525-0273 or the El Cerrito Community Center for more details.

Portola Middle School

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Teen Center - Monday through Thursday from 3p.m. to 5p.m. at the Community Center. Fee - \$6 drop in or \$50 monthly. Great activities, trips and special events. Call 215-4370 for more information.

E-mail forum - school information and meeting notices direct to your email box. Send your email address and request to be on the mail list to Joann Steck-Bayat at jsbayat@home.com.

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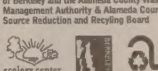
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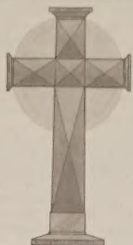
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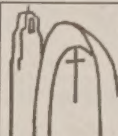
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Holy Friday, April 13th 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**Saturday, April 14th 11:00 p.m. the Resurrection Vigil****At Midnight the service of the Resurrection of Christ****EASTER Sunday, April 15th at 10:45 a.m. the Agape Service**

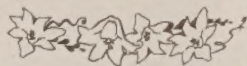
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Solano office/retail building planned

■ The two-story building could be up in two years at the site of a former gas station at 1820 Solano Ave.

By Clare Curley
STAFF WRITER

Local doctors and retailers hoping to set up shop where they can feed on lots of foot traffic and Zachary's pizza may have a shot at a new multi-use office complex proposed for Solano Avenue's bustling upper side.

Architect Abi Nevo of Aldar Investment purchased the corner property at 1820 Solano Ave., formerly Curt Gould Chevron, earlier this year and plans submit a design to the city of Berkeley by May.

Neighbors near the small plot of land wedged between the Wells Fargo Bank and 76 service station may see the planned two-story "Solano Clock Building" go up within the next two years.

Preliminary designs show office space on the second floor and four retail spots on the ground level on Solano, with a parking garage underneath. The entrance to the garage and offices will be on the Colusa side.

The garage will have 34 spaces for tenants, and Nevo says he hasn't ruled out the idea of making some of them available to patrons.

Nevo says he will cater to "mom and pop" retailers and expects local businesses such as attorneys and psychiatrists to rent out second floor space, but how many will do so remains to be seen.

"It depends on how we subdivide the space," he said. "It could be five offices, or one large office."

The building will be 28 feet tall, the maximum height the city allows in the area.

Nevo says the design includes a combination stucco and terra cotta facade, "similar to what's happening on Fourth Street."

As for the cost, that will depend on what the market is like when the building is completed, possibly in a year and a half. For now, he guesses the cost will be between \$3.50 and \$4 per square foot.

Neighbors who want a say in what occupies the site have to wait while the design goes through the lengthy planning and zoning process.

The site has been vacant since the gas station closed last summer and Aldar Investment outbid Walgreen's for the property earlier this year. The drugstore chain has been on the lookout for a spot on Solano for some time, according to Lisa Bullwinkel of the Solano Avenue Association.

According to Thousand Oaks Neighborhood Association president Zelda Bronstein, the plan has seen smooth sailing so far.

"I don't think there's much controversy" over the building, she said. Whether it stays that way could depend on what is proposed for the spaces. Getting a license to open a shoe store, for example, is no problem.

"The glitch is when you want to open a business that doesn't comply with zoning ordinances," said Bullwinkel.

The area zoning codes shun pawn

shops, cocktail lounges, amusement arcades, "adult-oriented" businesses and anything else that sounds like a little too much fun.

Other businesses are borderline.

Currently, opening a food store or restaurant on upper Solano can be tricky, as the code dictates that they must replace existing food businesses.

What do people want? Hardware stores. That's according to both neighborhood associations, which take opinion polls whenever a new site opens up. But opening one is problematic, they say, and the avenue hasn't seen one in 20 years.

"I ask all the time, and everybody wants a hardware store," said Bullwinkel. "Or a 5-and-10 cent store, or an underwear store, something for daily needs."

The problem, she explained, is that hardware shops take up a lot of square footage and have been put out of business by "big box" stores like Home Depot and Costco. And variety stores are a rare commodity in modern day retailing.

Nevo hopes to have his permit within the next few months, and says he will meet with area groups to find out what residents would like to see in his building.

Aldar Investment has had a hand in several local projects, including the Francis K. Shattuck building on Shattuck Avenue and Addison Street, where Downtown restaurant opens this week, and restoring the Children's Theater School at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre.

Safety

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that Harding no longer uses students as traffic crossing guards because it is not considered safe to do so anymore. Paid adults now do the job, she said.

"There's more traffic — and drivers are not as courteous as they used to be and that creates problems for pedestrians."

Abelson pointed out that on San Pablo Avenue, the speed limit is higher and getting across it is difficult for pedestrians. She said the intersection at Hill Street and San Pablo Avenue near the Del Norte BART station "is an absolute nightmare" to negotiate. "It's just plain bad," Abelson said about trying to get across San Pablo as a pedestrian.

"It's not a good thing for our merchants," she said. "It prevents people from being able to shop in El Cer-

rito on San Pablo because they feel like it isn't safe to get out of their car and go into the store because of the way the traffic moves." Abelson said there is a positive side to the volume of traffic on the avenue. "In order to have customers you need volume, but if they never stop — if they're just using it as an escape route for 1-80 — then we don't get the full positive of that."

Mike Cole, administrator of the Orientation Center for the Blind in Albany, said San Pablo Avenue is negotiated ably by the blind and sight-impaired. "It's not a piece of cake, though," Cole said.

"Blind folks crossing busy streets is normal; there's nothing too strange about that," he said. "Left turn lanes can be tricky and San Pablo has its share of those," Cole said. He also said traffic patterns have become more complex.

"I hear anecdotally people telling me that the drivers are taking liberties that they never used to; not just

on San Pablo, but in general, they are very aggressive right now," he said. "They're taking liberties with phones and they're giving us more added." In general, he said, it's to be less courteous, but it's by the rules.

Abelson said the planned San Pablo Avenue corridor project will help the traffic situation. "The signals will be timed so that they moves more smoothly through the intersection. Signals will also have an emergency capability so that they can tie extra time on a green light through intersections." "The movement of those vehicles will improve safety," he said. sponse time, Abelson said.

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Dog run

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Department. Members of the PE department surprised city officials recently when they spoke out against a run, fearing it would take any space away from playing fields.

Previously, some had argued that dog owners didn't clean up the area sufficiently, leaving a mess for high school students who use the field for sports and other exercises.

But in a letter to the city, athletic coach Josh Freeman wrote, "Fencing an area of Memorial Park for dogs would be a worse situation than what we have now. The fenced area would disrupt baseball because it would be located where everyone sits and where teams warm up."

Still, Freeman and PE Department Chair Kermit Bankson told the city the situation has gotten worse since dogs were allowed to run free.

"There is still waste on the field, and I am constantly picking up dog toys, tennis balls and pinecones that

have been left behind by dog owners," Freeman stated.

Temporarily withdrawn from the list were recommendations for signage and having a refuse bag station installed, as the ordinance regarding these matters has yet to be created.

Members agreed to postpone any development until other construction is completed at the park, so the city won't see any of the proposed changes until next fall.

Installation of a dog run is estimated to cost \$2,600, with \$1,620 for the rental or installation of temporary fencing. With signs at \$2,400, and bag stations at \$900, the total project amounts to roughly \$4,220.

Council members were surprised when an overwhelming crowd of doglovers showed up at a January meeting to speak out against banning dogs from the park, compared to only a handful of folks who spoke out in favor of the run. Numerous pooch fans claimed to be responsible and to clean up after their pets, despite the few neighbors who complained about early morning noise and a constant stench at the park. Representatives of neither side

showed up at this week's meeting.

Residents first approached the council in 1999 with concerns about dogs in Memorial Park and other recreation facilities.

Consequently, Parks and Recreation held two public meetings to address issues raised by the public. The city came up with alternatives to providing refuse bags, dog run and restricting dogs from the playing field area.

After a council meeting last year, "staff was unable to decide whether a 'dog refuse program' existed at the field," a report prompted staff members to form groups that use the playing field.

Still, there is no perfect solution. If the City Council decides to ban dogs exclusively for one use or sports — it impacts other users by restricting their use, constraining the uses of the park, report stated.

The public will have chances yet to voice their concerns about the updated plan in future public sessions held by the council.

Angelina Winslow seriously hurt in fall

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Lifelong El Cerrito resident Angelina Winslow was hurt in an accident in Canyon Trail Park on Sunday, March 25, and remains hospitalized at Alta Bates Medical Center in Berkeley.

Angelina's husband Bob Winslow has served the city most recently on the Economic Development Board. City Councilwoman Kathleen Perka announced Monday evening that he has resigned from the EDB following his wife's accident.

"She must have tripped over something," Winslow said about his wife's accident. The Winslows were in Canyon Trail Park to see the trees that were marked for removal as part of the city's Urban Forestry Program. "We stopped to look at the tree that was laying down. She was standing behind me there. I heard her holler. I turned around and she was stumbling going down that little hill. I couldn't get to her and she went over on her face. Her body went faster than her feet could."

Mrs. Winslow struck her head on the blacktop walkway when she fell. A bystander called 911 and ambulance, police and fire personnel soon

arrived at the scene. "We knew it was bad right there," Winslow said.

He said Tuesday evening that more will be known about his wife's prognosis in the next three or four

days. "She has shown no improvement so far," Winslow said. "Today she put her hand up — so I could hold it," he said, his voice breaking with emotion.

Trees

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move trees and called for a gradual resolution of the problem.

El Cerrito resident Devony Corry said removing 47 trees at one time would "totally change the ambience of the park" and called for increased Canyon Trail maintenance. "The key issue here is that the parks have not been maintained," Corry told the council. "It continues to go downhill. Nothing gets fixed until it falls down, i.e. the barbecue, the benches and the fence. The key is that the entire park, including the trees, is not being maintained."

Mira Vista Drive resident Laura Prisco said the trees are a fire hazard and urged implementation of the removal and replanting program. "Everyone seems to think that all the trees are going to be cut down — obviously they

are not going to cut all the trees," Prisco said. She said that some residents do have view concerns, but added: "Never ever again will those views be the same."

"The trees have now reached the point of old age, the branches are breaking, falling, some are dying, some are developing fungus," Prisco told the council. "From my house you can see the dead needles on some of the trees. Those dead needles end up on the ground and they cause a hazard," she added. "On July 4 for the past 20 years I've sat at my living room window — not looking at the fire works — I'm watching for the possibility of a stray firecracker or sparkler or cigarette to cause a fire."

The decision about the Canyon Trail Park trees was left to council members Mark Friedman, Janet Abelson and Kathleen Perka. Councilwoman Gina Brusatori and Mayor Larry Damon recused themselves from the Canyon Trail Park tree debate and vote on the

advice of City Attorney Howard Stern. Both Brusatori and Damon live within 500 feet of the park's boundary.

"It's clear we have to do something," Friedman said. "I think it's a combination of factors, but to remove all 47 trees right now may be cost-effective, but I'm not sure it's going to be the most effective for trying to balance all the interests in our community."

"We need a detailed phasing plan with time-lines," Friedman said. "We need a much more detailed plan that gives us an idea of what do we get for removing these trees in terms of added safety and added views — as well as what we lose."

Maintenance and Engineering Services Manager Bruce King said he should be able to return next month

with the comprehensive Canyon Trail Park tree plan by the council.

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Gracious Piedmont home combines Colonial Revival, Craftsman styles

By Gail Lombardi
CORRESPONDENT

Built in 1908, 103 Monticello Ave. in Piedmont gracefully blends classic Colonial and Craftsman styles. Moldings and dentils under the eaves, columns around the dormer windows, stately porch brackets and beautiful scrolled brackets under the bay windows contribute Colonial features, while the shingles bring in the Craftsman style.

Enter through the glass paneled front door and you can immediately feel the gracious spaces and solid craftsmanship of this early 20th century house.

The rooms are large with high wood ceilings and filled with light. The entry's high paneled wainscoting extends up the staircase with its rolling window seat.

Large windows allow lots of light into the living room, and the fireplace has its original tile surround. The dining room has a second fireplace, a Bay view, china cabinet and wainscoting.

Pocket doors separate these main rooms. The large kitchen still has its early, maid's room and bath conglomeration and a separate back staircase. A sunny library and sun room complete the main floor.

Upstairs are four spacious bedrooms, some with Bay views, and lots of closets. Three bedrooms still have their own separate sinks, a feature often found in early 20th century homes.

One of the two small porches has been enclosed to form an extra room. The full attic is flooded with light from three dormer windows and has a quilt frame suspended on pulleys.

Walter Blair's dairy

This area was the last remnant of Blair's dairy farm to be developed. Walter Blair established a dairy farm here in 1852, supplying milk and butter to the early residents of Oakland and San Francisco. His pasture land extended from Moraga and Scenic avenues to Blair Avenue and down to Grand Avenue.

More than a dairy farmer, Blair was always looking for new ventures. He developed a horse car line to bring travelers up into the Piedmont hills and his own Blair's Park on Moraga to attract them here.

Once here, visitors loved the sunny, rolling hillsides with views of San Francisco Bay and bought home sites. As the value of Blair's pasture land increased, he sold his land to developers. This land between Monticello, Ramona and Ronada avenues was

Offered at \$1,200,000 the home will be open this Sunday, April 8, from 2 to 5 p.m. To learn more, call Claire Cunningham at Prudential California Realty in Piedmont at 510-428-0900

the last of Blair's dairy farm sold off, to be the Borax Smith Company developed the property in 1907.

Rebecca Stolp

The gracious home at 103 Monticello Ave. was one of the first houses on the block, built by Rebecca Stolp in 1908, and assessed the grand sum of \$3,400 in 1909. Unfortunately, city building permits for the years before

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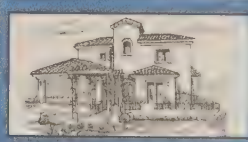
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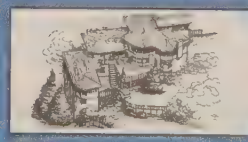
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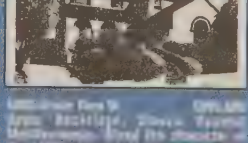
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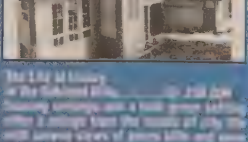
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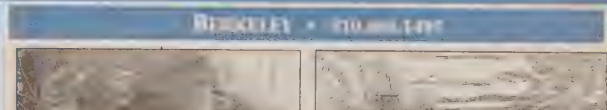
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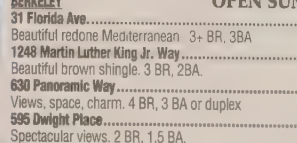
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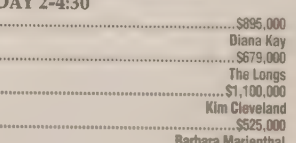
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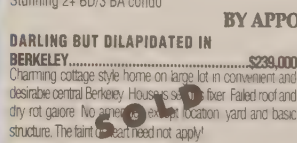
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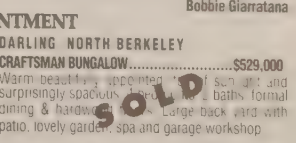
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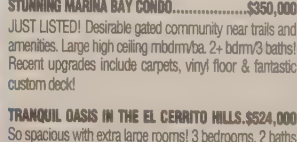
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Finding the right agent is key to getting off on the right foot

Number 358 in a series of true experiences in real estate

Many of our clients are people we knew before they talked to us about real estate. We know them from Berkeley Rep theater days, or they called to ask us about something in our newspaper column, or they are friends of friends.

They tend to be people who first want to understand what they're thinking of doing. This is a wonderful thing. They tell us that they probably will buy or sell but before they decide, they need information, because it is possible they will do nothing.

And so we talk about the pros and cons of buying or selling. We ask what they are trying to accomplish, and why. We think through together how the plan would work, what they would get. It is frequently true that after examination, the plan changes or is abandoned, at least for the time being.

Maybe this kind of collaboration is the reason they chose to talk to us rather than other agents, but it's more likely they haven't thought about it much. It isn't too often that people wonder, "Which agent would be best?" Most people think one agent is as good as another.

Let's think about this. How clever does your agent need to be anyway?

If you are buying or selling a house, you're about to go on an uncharted course. You don't know what lies there. Maybe it will be without mishap or maybe there will be travail. At the very least, surely, you'd hope that your agent speaks your language.

While you are sorting out the details, setting on the price of the goods, it would be helpful if you didn't have to wonder what your guide is saying. It would be great if the two of you are in accord.

Maybe you think of buying or selling as a safe journey, like going to Hawaii on vacation. Let us hope it is exactly that. But you know about vacations. Sometimes there's a canceled flight, the food is bad, the camp site is too close to people playing loud music.

Wouldn't a professional fixer of things, someone who understands and can do something about the problem be welcome then?

Things go wrong in real estate, some worse than others: a creek

under the living room, a leaky roof, the city being the owner of the part of the road your driveway is on. Because this is so, you could certainly expect that your guide will know more than you do, will see things you would miss, will fight the alligators if they appear.

One woman said to us recently, "I bought my house from an agent five years ago but I wouldn't go back to her now. She was great at showing us houses, but once we'd made our offer, we could never get hold of her."

And when we had a problem with the sellers over the furnace, she seemed very uncomfortable and didn't want to deal with it.

This is not a horror story. The woman didn't lose life or limb or even a lot of money. But she lost faith, and she would not pick that agent again. If you had heard this opinion of an agent, would that agent be your choice?

Here's a worse one. We just heard about a sale that ended in a big fight. The seller had offered to pass along to the buyer new kitchen cabinets, appliances and marble countertops he had purchased but never installed.

The seller thought he had made clear what was included. The buyer thought he knew what he was getting. The two agents involved in the sale must have thought they knew too, because neither of them had made a written inventory of the items.

The sale closed, the buyer got his keys, he went to the house. Most of the parts of what would be his new kitchen were stored in the garage but there was no marble for the countertops.

The marble, the buyer discovered after making several phone calls to his agent, was still at the marble store. A deposit had been made on the purchase but a large balance remained which, the buyer was dismayed to learn, he would have to pay. Everyone was mad. It was a mess.

The time to find the right agent is before you begin. You won't know for sure that you've done it until your agent saves the day or simply quiets your anxiety. But you can try, and you should.

Pay close attention when you interview an agent. Listen. Is the agent thinking about you, your

True Experiences



By Tarpoff and Talbert

Pay close attention when you interview an agent. Listen. Is the agent thinking about you, your specific situation, your plan?

specific situation, your plan? It is important to expect more from an agent than (for sellers) the price you might sell for, or (for buyers) letting you inside houses.

You probably can't imagine this before you begin your journey, but your relationship with your agent will become surprisingly intimate.

Preferences you rarely discuss will likely be revealed: your attitudes about money, friends and family, winning and losing, aesthetics, ethics and other dearly-held beliefs will come up and will play some part in what you are doing.

How trustworthy does your agent need to be? It may seem at times that it is just the two of you together in a small boat. It will be a help if your boat mate is a strong rower. And if, unhappily, your boat springs a leak, you'll be mighty glad if your companion can help you get to shore.

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February's median home price up 8.1% compared to 2000; sales down 13.3%

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS
LOS ANGELES (March 26) - Sales of existing homes in California in February fell 13.3 percent and the median home price rose 8.1 percent compared to the same period a year ago, the California Association of Realtors and Real Estate Solutions, a real estate information service, reported today.

"Home prices continued to increase in February from a year ago, and were virtually unchanged compared to January," said C.A.R. President Gary Thomas.

"Despite consumers' concerns about the direction of the economy, the housing market in California continues to hold steady."

Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California totaled 486,370 in February at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate, according to information collected by C.A.R. from more than 90 Multiple Listing Services (MLS) statewide.

Statewide home resale activity decreased 13.3 percent from the 560,700 sales pace recorded in February 2000. Resale activity posted a decrease of 4.3 percent in February compared to January.

The statewide sales figure represents what the total number of homes sold during 2001 would be if sales maintained the February pace throughout the year. It is adjusted to account for seasonal factors that typically influence home sales.

The median price of an existing, single-family detached home in California during February 2001 was \$245,560, an 8.1 percent increase over the \$227,160 median for February 2000, C.A.R. reported.

The February 2001 median price decreased 0.2 percent compared to January 2001. C.A.R., in conjunction with Real Estate Solution's MetroScansoftware and information product, reported that 79 percent of California cities and communities showed an increase in their respective median home prices from a year ago.

Highlights of C.A.R.'s resale housing figures for February 2001:

C.A.R.'s Unsold Inventory Index for existing, single-family detached homes in February 2001 was 5.1 months, compared to 4.3 months for the same period a year ago. The index indicates the number of months needed to deplete the sup-

ply of homes on the market at the current sales rate.

Thirty-year fixed mortgage interest rates averaged 7.05 percent during February 2001, down from 8.33 percent in February 2000, according to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.

Adjustable mortgage interest rates averaged 6.46 percent in February 2001, compared to 6.72 percent in February 2000.

The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home was 32 days in February 2001, down from 35 days for the same period a year ago.

The MLS median price and sales data for detached homes is generated from a survey of more than 90 associations of Realtors throughout the state. MLS median price and sales data for condominiums is based on a survey of 64 associations.

The median price for both detached homes and condominiums represents closed escrow sales.

"Sales declined in February due in part to a combination of mixed signals on the national economic front, including a fairly dramatic decrease in consumer confidence," said Leslie Appleton-Young, C.A.R.'s vice president and chief economist.

"However, the February 2000 sales volume was one of the highest on record, so it's not surprising that

sales fell this year.

In a separate survey, more localized sales data compiled by C.A.R. and Real Estate Solutions' MetroScan software showed an increase in home prices in some areas, while others showed a decrease.

Using the MetroScan median home prices are from new and existing homes, including condominiums and single-family homes. The data is compiled by the California Association of Realtors.

Large changes in home prices are often, large shifts in the direction of housing market activity. Some of the variations in home prices may be due to compositional changes in the housing demand.

The MetroScan table of median home prices in California cities and counties are available through the C.A.R. Web site at www.car.org.

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Our Spanish colonial heritage

Put one of three We see the term Hispanic in the news a lot lately, as the media discusses reports of the 2000 U.S. Census results. It is now commonly agreed that people of Hispanic descent will soon be the largest minority in the United States, eclipsing the African American population within the next few years. According to the 2000 Census report, at least 34 million people legally reside in the US with some Hispanic heritage.

What does Hispanic mean? Webster defines the word as follows: "Of or relating to the people, speech, or culture of Spain, Spain and Portugal, or Latin America." Thus, we might call any ethnic, cultural, linguistic, or architectural legacy that derives from Spain, Portugal, or the countries of Latin America (including Brazil) Hispanic.

The San Francisco Bay Area has very strong Hispanic heritage, with deep roots that run back to the late 18th century. The language, place names, food, dance, music, literature and painting of present day California all reflect this legacy.

Nowhere is the Bay Area's Hispanic heritage more profound than in its architecture, especially our historic buildings. In the next two columns, I will explore this rich architectural legacy in the East Bay, and discuss how it still influences the design of many of our modern buildings.

History lesson

The first Spanish settlers arrived in California from Mexico in 1769. That year, they founded California's first mission (for religious purposes) at San Diego. Over the next 100 years, the Franciscans would establish a total of 21 missions in what is now called Alta California, as far north as Sonoma.

These missions usually served as the nucleus of Spanish towns, or pueblos, that grew up around them. In 1810, Mexico underwent an independence rebellion against Spanish rule. After two more attempts, Mexico finally established its independence in 1821. Alta California remained a colony of Spain until 1821, when it became a district of Mexico. The population of Alta California grew very slowly during those decades. It had only reached about 100 residents of Hispanic descent, or about 10,000 "Christianized" Indians when the next great upheaval in California history occurred.

House

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we were lost, so we don't know the architect who designed its fine details.

Stolp was a recent widow. Her husband, Gordon, and son Fred managed the National Life Insurance Company in downtown Oakland. Robert Stolp, followed by her son Patrick A. Stolp and his wife Adeline, lived here until at least 1933. Adeline Stolp was apparently quite a party and well regarded. A 1908 San Francisco Tribune article notes her reputation in a beauty contest.

The neighborhood legend says this was the summer home for Robert Stolp with many large parties and that there had been a driveway for carriages.

Directories never listed Stolp as having an occupation other than insurance agent. If Fred Stolp had been a State Senator, he would have been one of the most prominent names in Sacramento during his time in California.

The house has had few owners. The current owner has been here since 1948 and has a 1910 photograph of the house as it was built, with shingles unpainted.

For more information call Claire Williams at Prudential California Realty in Piedmont at 510-482-0900.

Williams is an architectural historian and member of the Board of the Piedmont Historical Society. She has written many articles on the house's history. If you are interested in a house history, please call her at 547-3311.

In 1846, American troops under General John C. Fremont occupied the provincial capital of Alta California at Monterey, and claimed the province for the United States. In 1848, after the defeat of the Mexican Army during the ensuing Mexican American War, Mexico ceded California, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah and Colorado. Thus ended the Hispanic Era of California history, which had lasted nearly 80 years and left a very tangible heritage.

The Franciscan missions were the first "organic" architecture in California. Borrowing construction techniques from the Indians of the Southwest, the builders of these adobe churches rendered in fairly simplified form the elements of the Spanish Baroque style imported from the mother country. Limited by the crude materials at hand, these structures were not as fashionable or ornate as their counterparts in Central and South America.

Franciscan influence

Built primarily of sun-dried mud bricks, or adobe, the Franciscan mission churches also employed wooden beams on their ceilings, or vigas, and red clay tiled roofs. However, each of these pioneer era churches incorporated some types of conscious design elements.

These elements included tall squared bell towers, or campanarios, Baroque curved pediments with ornate volutes and Moorish-style star windows. Thus, no two Franciscan missions looked exactly alike.

The first Spanish settlement in the East Bay occurred at what is now Mission San Jose in 1797. There, Father Lasuen set up a mission that eventually grew into the wealthiest of all the Spanish ecclesiastic holdings. The original church had a chapel with a never-finished bell tower to the left of its nave, and several outbuildings arranged in the traditional quadrangle, or cloister, pattern. Only one of these buildings, the friar's residence, survived the earthquake of 1868, and still stands today.

By Mark A. Wilson



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Built between 1805 and 1815, it is by far the oldest remaining extant structure in the East Bay.

The next significant Spanish settlement in the East Bay began two decades later. Don Luis Maria Peralta was granted a huge tract of land as a reward for his years of military service at the Presidio in San Francisco. This sizable grant included all

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Contract changes causing confusion

Real estate purchase contracts are confusing. For buyers and sellers, that is expected; however, if your real estate representative is also in the dark, you could be the loser. Ask your agent how the new contract changes might affect you. If you get a blank stare, start worrying.

Background

In the State of California the sale of real property must be in writing to be enforceable. Over the years, residential real estate contracts have become longer and more complicated.

A majority of Realtors use the California Association of Realtors (CAR) form. Until recently, the entire state used one version, periodically updated. As some practices differ in the northern and southern parts of the state, CAR not long ago developed a local, "Area Edition," for Northern California.

We now have two purchase contracts with important differences, used interchangeably. Unfortunately, some licensees are not aware of this. Changes to our area edition have not been widely publicized and have

gone mainly unnoticed. These modifications, and how they differ from the state version, need to be appreciated in order for the public to be fully protected.

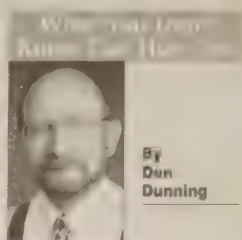
Differences

Without boring you with all the details, some of the differences are found in the clauses covering "loan," "closing and occupancy," "condition of property," "removal of contingencies" and "potentially competing buyers and sellers."

Any one of these, if misunderstood and/or misapplied, can lead to expensive problems. For example, the state version allows the buyer to "reasonably request that the seller make repairs." The local agreement does not include this wording. An East Bay real estate attorney has indicated that using the area edition may make it more difficult for buyers to negotiate condition and/or withdrawal from the contract.

Additional complications

Another worry is that, in an attempt to clarify contracts, some agents will create their own clauses,



By Don Dunning

possibly leading to more confusion. To make matters worse, a large real estate firm uses its own, proprietary contract, often modified by changes to the CAR agreement.

If you are a buyer, you need to ensure that your Realtor knows why he or she is using a particular purchase agreement and how it will impact your offer. As a seller, your agent may be reviewing as many as four different types of purchase contracts. You want to make sure this agent is fastidious about recognizing the inconsistencies.

Final thoughts

Remember that you will be bound by the contract you sign, even if you did not fully comprehend its implications. Of course, you have the option of hiring an attorney to review it, but few people do.

In the end, the representation of your interests rests in the hands of the real estate person you selected. If you take it for granted that your agent knows contracts, you could be paying the price later.

For a copy of my previous, related articles, *Understand Before You Sign, Another New Contract and Contract Revised Again*, visit my Web site at www.eastbay-re.com, or call me

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Mortgage rates holding firm

■ 1-Year ARM drops from last week

McLean, VA - In Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 6.91 percent, with an average cost of 0.9 point (1 point equals 1 percent of the loan amount), for the week ending March 30.

This bellwether rate rose just two basis points from last week's average of 6.89 percent. A year ago, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 8.23 percent.

The average for the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage this week is 6.46 percent, with an average cost of 0.9 point,

up from last week's average of 6.44 percent. A year ago, the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.84 percent.

One-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 6.19 percent this week, with an average cost of 0.9 point, down from last week's average of 6.22 percent.

This time last year, the 1-year ARM averaged 6.76 percent. This is the lowest the 1-year ARM has been since the week ending October 1, 1999, when it averaged 6.12 percent.

"Over the last few weeks mortgage rates have been fairly stable and very low, due to a lack of news that would push them one way or the other," said Robert Van Order, chief economist for Freddie Mac.

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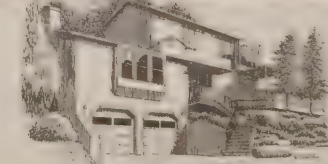
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Why FICO scores work

When credit scoring was first introduced nearly five years ago, mortgage lenders were skeptical of its reliability. Although the computer models were developed from almost 30 years of records on how people paid their mortgages through the treasure trove of information compiled by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, change comes hard.

For years, when reviewing the creditworthiness of a borrower, an underwriter would make a subjective decision based piles of paperwork that documented that person's past payment history, income and a review of their assets and current liabilities.

However, the argument was that the process was much too subjective and biased against race, sex and even neighborhood areas.

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac challenged the three credit reporting repositories to come up with a scoring method based on Fannie and Freddie's information and models. Our own Northern California agency, Fair Isaac & Co. Inc. took a closer look and studied the relationship between mortgage delinquencies and a credit score.

Using sophisticated computer models and metrics, Fair Isaac discovered that there was indeed a distinct relationship between credit worthiness and credit scores.

On their scoring model which they call the FICO, they found that almost 50 percent of those borrowers with FICO scores below 550 became 90 days delinquent at least once during their mortgages. On the other hand, only two out of every 10,000 borrowers with FICO scores above 800 became delinquent.

Lenders began to take a closer look at FICO scores and the odds of likelihood of a 90 day delinquency for specific FICO scores. A borrower with a FICO score of 595 came in at 2.25 to 1, one with a 630 score at 18 to one and one with a 780 score at 576 to 1.

Now consider yourself a lender and you would have to agree who you would prefer to lend to. (Until this latest research, the best score I

had ever seen was an 840, but I did not know that this was a "perfect" score.) Each credit reporting bureau has a different name for their scores. Through out this column I will refer to credit scores as a FICO which is Experian's (formerly TRW) name for credit scores; Equifax calls it a Beacon score and TransUnion calls theirs an Empirica score. Most mortgage lenders want to see all three scores and base their decision on the middle score or they will use the lower of two scores. The following factors affect your credit scores:

- Delinquencies — the number, the severity, the patterns.
- Too many accounts opened within the last 12 months.
- Short credit history (they would like at least 24 months seasoning on open credit).
- Balances on revolving credit are near maximum limits. (Best scores come when the balance does not exceed 33 percent of the maximum limit).
- Public records, such as tax liens, judgments, or bankruptcies.
- No recent credit card balances. (This is a good thing if the cards show a history and are still open. That is why it is not a good idea to "close" credit cards unless they have a high annual fee.)
- Too many recent credit inquiries.
- Too few revolving accounts.
- Too many revolving accounts.

Each of these categories is assigned a point value with some areas much more important than others. The most important are those that involve how the borrower has managed their credit for the last 24 months and just how much credit they use.

Unfortunately, the creditors and lenders who view your credit report do not get to review the scorecard that generates the score. We do get the list of reasons that affected the score and can at least draw some educated conclusions.

Basic guidelines for grading scores will vary somewhat from lender to lender. But usually, a score of 680 and above will require only a

Mortgage Madness



By Karen Senzig

basic review of the loan package by an underwriter. Scores between 640 and 660 can still be considered for better interest rates but will require much more thorough underwriting.

Scores below 640 will require the underwriter to review the application with caution and once below 620 most lenders will consider the borrower as a sub-prime candidate who will be underwritten under a completely different set of criteria and at substantially interest hire rates.

The FICO score can affect more than whether your loan is approved or not.

In some cases it can make the interest rate more affordable. We have some lenders who will reward a borrower whose FICO is over 780 with a .375 percent (of one point-a point is one percent of the loan amount) reduction in the cost of the "base interest rate." At 750 the borrower saves .25 percent and at 720 the savings is .125 percent.

There are other lenders who do it in reverse. They establish the base rate assuming a minimum score of 720 and instead of reducing costs for good FICO scores they "add-on" costs for lower scores. It is important when shopping rates to ask the question - is this quote based on credit scores? And, considering the weighty nature of the scoring process, it would be a nice idea to know where you stand in the on the scale of Mortgage Madness.

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Wilson

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of what is now Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Alameda, Oakland and part of San Leandro.

Luis Peralta soon divided his land among his sons. Each set up his own spacious rancho with an adobe house and a tanning shed to make use of their various herds of cattle. Cattle was the main "industry" in Hispanic California.

Unfortunately, none of these early dwellings has survived intact to the present day.

In the late 19th or early 20th century Dennis Dimond, the son of Hugh Dimond — for whom Oakland's Dimond District is named — carted the 1830 remains of Antonio's abode to Oakland's Dimond Park where he used them to build a cabin for himself.

He also fashioned a seat around what is reportedly the oldest oak tree in Oakland with the bricks.

However, two other Hispanic era adobe houses remain in the East Bay. The older of the two is the oldest extant, (or original) private dwelling in the East Bay. Jose de Jesus Vallejo built a single-story adobe in near today's Niles Canyon circa 1842 to secure his claim to the Rancho Arroyo de Alameda.

The adobe stands within the grounds of the California Nursery along Niles Canyon Road in Fremont. The thick, heavily buttressed walls have managed to survive the ravages of time and several major earthquakes remarkably good shape.

The other extant Hispanic residence in the East Bay is the two-story Martinez Adobe, on Alhambra Road in Martinez. Constructed in 1848, at the tail end of the Hispanic

Era, it is now on the grounds of what is today the John Muir Estate Historic Park.

With its hip roof, wide two story veranda with columns across the front, and false pediment on its southern roofline, the Martinez Adobe is a classic example of a Monterey style adobe.

Yankee builders who began moving to Monterey in the 1830s had a hand in constructing the main building on the 18,000 acre Ranch El Pinole, granted to Ignacio Martinez in 1824.

Two other Hispanic-era adobe dwellings grace the East Bay; one in San Pablo, and the other in Concord. But according to the best research, these adobes have been moved from

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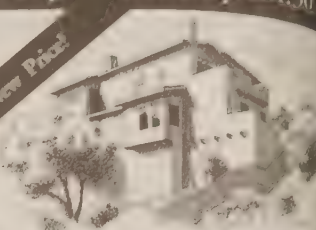
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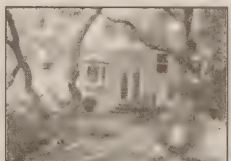
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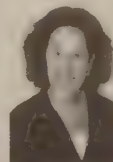
A charming 3+ bedroom, 2.5 bath traditional home in the desirable Upper Rockridge neighborhood. Updated kitchen & baths. Lovely front garden, large rear deck overlooks wooded garden with hot tub. Separate studio. Offered at \$595,000

54 El Camino Real, Claremont

Fabulous Claremont traditional. Five bedrooms, four and one half baths including stylish master suite and separate au-pair-in-law. Country kitchen. Wonderful Bay views. Offered at \$1,375,000

191 St. James Drive, Piedmont

Spacious, three-story Piedmont traditional. Four bedrooms, three and one half baths. Updated, eat-in kitchen. Gracious formal rooms, study on main level. Large family room opens level out to deck with hot tub. Offered at \$799,000



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18 Langdon Court **New Listing \$1,650,000**
On a quiet cul-de-sac in central Piedmont is this handsome home built in 1941. High ceilings, spacious rooms & Bay views exuberate style & elegance. Mavis Delacroix
18 Mesa Ave. **New Listing Price Upon Request**
Classic Piedmont traditional. Ideal location, level street. 4BR/2BA upstairs. Family room w/fireplace and direct access to garden. Jean Simmons



118 Woodland Way **New Listing \$935,000**
Old world charm comes out to greet you in this wonderfully updated Tudor home set in gorgeous Wildwood Gardens. Fabulous gardens. 3+BR/2BA. Debra Dryden

155 Hagar Avenue **New Listing \$895,000**
A stunning contemporary with spectacular Bay views. Incredible new kitchen and spacious master suite. 3BR/3.5BA plus rumpus room. Mindy Scott
6 Cavendish Lane **\$539,000**
This two story 3BR/2.5BA contemporary, amongst majestic oak trees features a level entry, hardwood floors, brick patio and spacious deck. Linda McClain

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101 Beechwood Drive **\$2,349,000**
Elegant details accent this romantic 5BR, 3+BA Tuscan Villa in Claremont Pines. Designed & built by Mark Becker. Exceptional lot w/private gardens. Erika Celestre
7105 Marlborough Terrace **\$1,375,000**
Exquisite new home w/fabulous design details & finishes. Gourmet kitchen/family room. 4BR/3.5BA + library & luxurious master suite. Views. Steve Michaelides



5832 Acacia Avenue **New Listing \$1,295,000**
Lovely Claremont Pines home w/views. Level property surrounded by mature trees. 3BR/4BA, family room + office & bonus room. Elizabeth Dickson
1225 Grand View Drive **\$1,099,000**
Southwestern contemporary w/panoramic Bay views. Built in 1999 with over 3000 sq. ft. 3BR/2.5BA. Fabulous artistic finish details. John Karnay
2039 Asilomar Drive **Price Upon Request**
Sunny retreat & level garden in a serene setting w/south Bay views. 3BR/2BA + office/den. Updated kitchen. Skylights throughout. Hot tub. Chris Cohn & Lori Lombardo

6037 Ridgmont Dr. **New Listing \$789,000**
This exquisite updated home features SF & GG Bridge views, fabulous level landscaped grounds, elegant master suite, and gourmet kitchen/family room. Carin Caroe



3081 Joaquin Miller Rd. **New Listing \$685,000**
A private oasis! This beautifully upgraded home offers 4BR/4BA, study, family room & garden w/pool & pool house w/sauna & spa. Judy Rankankan
70 Pine Hills Court **\$675,000**
Exquisite contemporary on a private Montclair cul-de-sac. Expansive views of Mt. Diablo. 3BR/3BA. City views, expansive decking. Gorgeous! Adam Betra
424 Avon Street **New Listing \$599,000**
Attractive and well maintained 4-unit income property. Desirable Rockridge location, close to College Ave. 2-2BR units & 2-1BR units. Garden. Sherry Benninger
1917 Oak Crest **New Listing \$599,000**
A distinctive Mediterranean w/great views. 3BR/2.5BA, office, updated kitchen & spacious garden. Move right in to this wonderful home perfect for any lifestyle. Katherine Copper



4121 Lakeshore Ave. **New Listing \$525,000**
A charming Crocker Highlands bungalow w/crown moldings & hardwood floors thru-out. Spacious formal rooms. 3BR/1.5BA + expansion possibilities. Angela Wei Grubb
2611 Arlington Blvd, El Cerrito **\$499,000**
Remodeled view home with spacious landscaped garden. 4BR/3BA. Hardwood floors, slate & new tile upgrades. New roof. Near Mira Vista Country Club. Ed Kuo
5436 Broadway **New Listing \$399,000**
Classic Rockridge Craftsman w/detailed formal rooms, country kitchen and private garden. Lots of storage. 2+BR + office. Great location. Sandra Vogl
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Enjoy spectacular views of the Bay, bridges & SF from this architect designed masterpiece. John Karnay
Dramatic New Home **\$949,000**
Dramatic new home features hand plastered walls, gourmet kitchen/family room & master retreat. Kurt Buchholz
New Contemporary with Views **\$825,000**
Fabulous 3BR/3.5BA contemporary w/sparkling Bay views & expansive decks. Debbi DiMaggio

Montclair Contemporary **\$799,000**
Stylish contemporary w/2BR/2.5BA + master suite. Artist studio/den, office w/separate entry & DSL. Bertina Balestrieri
Montclair Jewel **\$599,000**
A stunning renovation, close to Montclair Village. 3BR/2BA set on a huge level lot. John Karnay
View + View + View **\$589,000**
Enjoy magnificent Bay views from this 3BR/2BA Montclair home. Level front garden, office, decks & spa. Debbi DiMaggio

Upper Rockridge with Views **\$589,000**
Cheerful & sunny Upper Rockridge home. Front patio opens out from kitchen. 6BR/3BA. Erika Celestre
Rose Garden **\$449,000**
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Vintage "Arts & Crafts" with remodeled kitchen & formal dining room. 2BR + office/den. Close to BART. Chris Cohn

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PIEDMONT **\$2,595,000**
211 MOUNTAIN AVE. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Enjoy San Francisco/Bay views from this beautiful traditional in central Piedmont. Remodeled throughout, expansive formal rooms, 3+BD/3.5BA, large kitchen and adjoining family room opens to a spacious, level yard. Georgia Cornell x325

MONTCLAIR **\$1,295,000**
6415 THORNDALE DR. (Open 2-4:30) Enjoy stunning 4-bridge Bay views from this unique, 3+BD/3.5BA architect designed home. Features include shower/steam room, sauna, wave pool, wine cellar, air conditioning, and much more. Ann Nichols x319

ROCKRIDGE (UPPER) **\$1,250,000**
924 CONTRA COSTA DR. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! This beautiful, contemporary Mediterranean home combines elegant living and thrilling views. 4BD/3BA. Roselle Woods x324

MONTCLAIR **\$895,000**
651 ESTATES DR. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Spacious 4BD/3.5BA, located on the front side of Montclair. Living room w/partial Bay view, FDR & updated den. Family room w/FP. In-law quarters w/landscaped garden and patio. Adriana Pelloni x350

MONTCLAIR **\$795,000**
600 BROADWAY TERRACE (Open 2-4:30) Stunning SF & Bay views from this 3+BD/3+BA home. Two plus rooms, decks & hot tub. Lynne Bantle x374

ROCKRIDGE **\$789,000**
940 FOREST ST. (Open 2-4:30) Fabulous remodeled craftsman. Good blend of original detailing and quality new work. 3BD/2.5BA, FDR, office & large state-of-the-art kitchen. Cheryl Hargett x375

ROCKRIDGE (UPPER) **\$749,000**
109 FLORENCE AVE. (Open 2-4:30) Terrific, a year old Upper Rockridge home, 3BD/3BA w/spacious bonus room, au pair bath & separate entry. Beautiful terrace garden leading to level yard. Great location! Move-in condition! Dee Land x318

ROCKRIDGE (UPPER) **\$699,000**
100 PROCTOR AVE. (Open 2-4:30) Home built in 1992 with 3BD/2BA. Lovely view. Large kitchen, FDR opens to deck, family room, office & wine cellar. Ashley Ellis x368

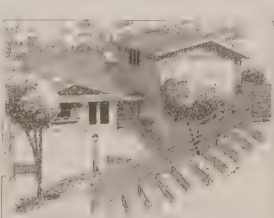
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MONTCLAIR **\$699,000**
1823 DRAKE DR. (Open 2-4:30) Reduced! Spacious 1960's contemporary with Bay views & level yard. 5BD/3BA. Living room with vaulted ceilings & FP. Fam room with FP & office built-ins. Jeffrey Himmel x307

MONTCLAIR **\$675,000**
750 MOUNTAIN BLVD. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! 2BD/2.5BA custom craftsman, built in 1994, shows beautifully with 2 fireplaces, skylights, hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings & plantation shutters. French doors lead to terrace & decks. Nancy Moore x302



MONTCLAIR **\$569,000**
6045 FAIRLANE DR. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Enjoy outstanding GG & Bay views from this gracious 3BD/2BA home. Spacious and all level, with kitchen opening to a family room that leads out to a patio. Carolyn Jones x339

MONTCLAIR **\$545,000**
13039 BROADWAY TERRACE (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! A David Reichel designed 3BD/2.5BA contemporary. Tranquility and seclusion, serene canyon views and an extensively landscaped, private, park-like backyard. Teri Carlisle x305

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6009 PINEWOOD RD. (Open 2-4:30) The classic style of this ultra charming 1996 Cape Cod home combines today's conveniences with details of the past. 3BR/2.5BA, fireplace, decks, level backyard & 2-car garage. Donna Costella x355

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MONTCLAIR **\$599,000**
7265 WILD CURRANT WY (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Located on an oak-studded lot, this Montclair home offers something for everyone. Upstairs are a beautifully remodeled kitchen, three bedrooms and two baths. Downstairs is a large master bedroom suite and a family room which opens to spacious decks and a large, grassy back yard. Kathleen Callahan (510) 995-9119



MONTCLAIR **\$569,000**
918 CURTIS ST. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Charming, sunny and bright 2BD/1.5BA bungalow. Remod. kitchen, hardwood floors, built-ins, fireplace, plus room and back yard. Rich Gould x347

MONTCLAIR **\$425,000**
5052 KEARNEY AVE. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Updated 2+BD/2BA ranch home with kitchen/fam rm combo, patio & level lawn area. Donna Costella x355



OAKLAND **\$528,000**
915 MANDANA BLVD. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Traditional Crocker Highlands treasure. Features: 2+BD/2BA, lovely living room, workshop & yard. Joanna Gould x346

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OAKLAND **\$525,000**
4622 REDWOOD RD. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! 3BD/2.5BA in Leona Villas complex. End unit with Bay view. Master suite w/spa tub. Sunken LR w/fireplace. Enclosed patio. Dick Cohen x308

MONTCLAIR **\$499,000**
6656 HEATHER RIDGE WY. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Quiet south facing contemporary. 3BD/2.5BA. Family room off kitchen with access to sunny deck. Plantation shutters. 2-car garage. Fireplace in living room. Formal dining area. Wendy Gardner x303



ALBANY **\$449,000**
4600 TOMPKINS AVE. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Lovely 3BD/2BA, sited on a terraced up-slope lot with city skyline views. Patio with adjacent terraced garden. Tom Anthony (510) 834-2300

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7535 VALENTINE ST. (Open 2-4:30) Charming 2BD/1BA split-level in a wonderful neighborhood. Den/plus room, hardwood floors, fireplace, formal dining room & large level yard. Donna DeBardi x345

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OAKLAND **\$299,000**
4081 NORTON AVE. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Charming 1912 cottage with character. 2+BD/1BA. Living room w/lr floors, FDR, breakfast room, deck w/Bay view & level yard. Kathy Flynn x317

MILLSMONT **\$269,000**
6163 LAIRD AVE. (Open 2-4:30) 1930's era charmer. Convenient location. 2+BD/1BA. Plus room & basement. Beautiful gardens. Attached garage. Joan E. Hause x358

OAKLAND **\$229,500**
3690 MADRONE AVE. (Open 2-4:30) Charming 1BD custom cottage style home, remodeled and upgraded with great attention to detail and style. Lovely landscaped yards. Diane Earl McCan x352

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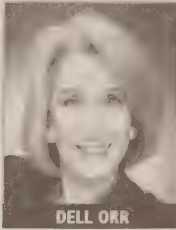
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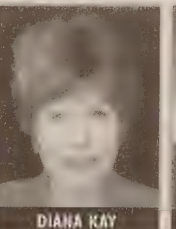
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5698 Torrey Pine Ct - \$325,000

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686 10th St #4 - \$228,000
1731 13th Av - \$135,000
1689 13th St - \$135,000
2690 14th Av - \$226,500
959 26th St - \$425,000
2028 27th Av - \$227,000

385 45th St - \$450,000
436 48th St - \$449,000
574 48th St - \$410,000
2004 80th Av - \$242,000
1207 83rd Av - \$160,000
1645 83rd Av - \$255,000
1461 85th Av - \$160,000
2233 88th Av - \$175,000
2234 92nd Av - \$170,000
2121 99th Av - \$180,000
7831 Alder St - \$140,000
9625 Birch St - \$160,000
3237 Bona St - \$280,000
6652 Brann St - \$204,500
3520 Brookdale Av - \$200,000
5969 Bruns Ct - \$586,000
3268 California St - \$380,000
5669 Colbourn Pl - \$895,000
6097 Colton Bl - \$763,000
2026 Coolidge Av - \$220,000
3082 Curran Av - \$255,000
1551 Excelsior Av - \$412,000
4606 Fairfax Av - \$204,000
5843 Fremont St - \$341,000
518 Glenview Dr - \$665,000
8000 Hansom Dr - \$507,000
2644 Havenscourt Bl - \$200,000
9938 Heskett Rd - \$220,000
2515 High St - \$217,000

385 Jayne Av #210 - \$165,000
3623 Kansas St - \$228,000
3375 Kiwanis St - \$418,500
218 Lee St - \$347,500
4010 Malcolm Av - \$445,000
5971 Margarido Dr - \$1,200,000
2027 Market St - \$120,000
5163 Miles Av - \$450,000
536 Mountain Bl - \$632,000
11043 Novelda Dr - \$175,000
6322 Outlook Av - \$259,000
7029 Outlook Av - \$240,000
2980 Park Bl - \$275,000
1515 Peralta St - \$240,000
9510 Plymouth St - \$255,000
725 Rand Av - \$500,000
6206 Robin Hood Wy - \$405,000
627 Santa Ray Av - \$655,000
836 Santa Ray Av - \$80,000
4321 Steele St - \$350,000
6382 Sunnymere Av - \$175,000
360 Vernon St #305 - \$215,000
2404 Warner Av - \$180,000
3214 Wyman St - \$325,000

RICHMOND

631 30th St - \$90,000

658 32nd St - \$285,000
558 34th St - \$187,500
537 9th St - \$258,000
609 Bradford Dr - \$155,000
1200 Brickyard #201 - \$380,000
5422 Carriage Dr - \$450,000
2208 Dunn Av - \$350,000
5338 Glenwood Wy - \$455,000
504 Golden Gate Av - \$262,500
1508 Martin Dr - \$185,500
1526 Martin Dr - \$185,500
1538 Martin Dr - \$185,500
5027 McBryde Av - \$240,000
4860 Morwood Dr - \$520,000
4317 Nelson Dr - \$245,000
4356 Nelson Dr - \$240,000
2019 Ohio Av - \$115,000
4344 Overend Av - \$220,000
22 Overlook Ln - \$240,000
3303 Parkgate Ct - \$327,000
1705 Pennsylvania Av - \$185,000
52 Promontory Dr - \$435,000
1926 Rheem Av - \$193,000
425 South 20th St - \$137,000
332 South 41st St - \$207,000
251 South 47th St - \$188,000
137 Spring St - \$175,000
4480 Whitecliff Wy - \$315,000
1744 Wood Pl - \$185,000

SAN LEANDRO

1523 137th Av - \$310,000
1705 141st Av - \$340,000
1630 152nd Av - \$280,000
14643 Acacia St - \$358,000
261 Caliente Dr - \$230,000
911 Coburn Ct - \$593,000
1741 Dayton Av - \$351,000
16904 Ehle St - \$300,000
499 Estudillo Av #209 - \$240,000
1904 Fairbanks St - \$310,000
1530 Graff Av - \$492,500
2489 Harborview Dr - \$500,000
703 Joaquin Av - \$440,000
1852 Lakeview Ct - \$540,000
15320 Laverne Dr - \$291,000
1920 Linwood Wy - \$315,000
16551 Russel Ct - \$291,000
1540 Sayre St - \$372,500
15116 Shining Star Ln - \$192,500
14970 Swenson St - \$300,000

see SALES on page B10

OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

Pending

6737 ELVERTON DRIVE.....\$935,000
Elegant and stylish new home with incredible custom finishes. 4BD/3.5BA, home office, kitchen/family room combo. Lovely canyon views.
Mary Neuberger 530-4148

55 BAY FOREST DRIVE.....\$899,000
Sophisticated contemporary high in Oakland/Berkeley Hills with So. Bay view. Approximately 3400 sq. ft! Three plus bedrooms, four bathrooms, family room, soaring ceilings, gourmet kitchen and spacious decks
Wendy Callaghan ext. 237

6157 RUTHLAND ROAD.....\$879,000
Charming farmhouse with front porch. Level front and rear yards. Formal dining and living rooms. Large master suite. Three fireplaces.
Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780

4490 ARCADIA.....\$569,000
A light open main level is created w/a spacious LR, formal DR, kitchen w/breakfast area, 2BD/2BA. The lower level consists of 3BD/2BA w/large sitting room or family area. Home offices would be perfect on this level. Fresh paint in & out, new carpet & appliances make this a must see! Move in condition
Richard Hope ext. 244

First Open

4020 REINHARDT.....\$569,000
Take a dip in the pool after a game of badminton! This 3+BD/3BA home offers a spacious interior along with a large yard, which has a variety of citrus and fruit trees. This is a one family home that has never been on the market. Very special! Move in condition!
Carol Robbiano ext. 292

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12825 BROOKPARK ROAD...\$498,000
Delightful 3BD/2BA home on 1/4 acre of landscaped grounds, formal dining room, family room, 2 fireplaces, updated kitchen, double pane windows, 2 var. attached garage, clear step report. Within walking distance to East Bay Regional park hiking trails, yet only minutes to highways 580 & 580
Chris Christensen ext. 242

4609 PARK BLVD.....\$489,000
Charming 2-story traditional in desirable upper Glenview with large sunny living room & formal dining with built-ins. It has 3 spacious bedrooms, a sunroom & plus room for office or 4th bedroom. Basement freshly painted interior & refinished hardwood floors.
Nancy or Jaya ext. 254

First Open

4827 WALNUT.....\$295,000
New Listing-Maxwell park! Spacious 4BD w/charm, hardwood floors, built-in cabinets, formal dining room, large eat-in kitchen, huge basement w/expansion potential!
Kate Phillips 436-4100

First Open

4344 ALLENDALE.....\$269,000
New Listing - Maxwell Park! Sunny, 3BD w/charm, spacious living room w/ vaulted beam ceiling, freshly painted, new carpet, eat-in kitchen, private level yard detached garage & more!
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One acre parcel, level, near 580, ok for 60+ units. Existing building could be church, school, and commercial.
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Totally renovated in 1997. This like-new home offers a flexible floor plan, tasteful finishes and lovely bay and canyon views
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SAN FRANCISCO BAY VIEW.....\$995,000
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NEW LISTING!.....\$779,000
Twelve traditional units. Hardwood floors, good condition. New Chinatown. 7 8's GRM.
Anne Bruff 531-7006 ext. 283

FABULOUS VIEWS!.....\$299,000
16th Floor condo with Lake Merritt, Mt. Tam views. 2BD/1.5BA, living room with 12' ceilings, 24-hour doorman.
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SMALL WAREHOUSE PLUS 3 COMMERCIAL UNITS.....\$275,000
Oakland income property. Owner pays taxes and insurance, priced to sell!
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WHAT A VIEW!.....\$179,000
Spectacular Lake views from this sunny one bedroom, one bath in Van Buren Tower. Well maintained building. Close to shops and transportation.
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CHECK THIS OUT.....\$425,000
Level building lot zoned C30. Think about mixed-use development or possibly a PUB. You might want to refurbish the existing building. For more information, please call
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NEW LISTING! BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME!.....\$180,000
Gentle downslope with access to utilities. Survey and soils report available. Over 11,000 square feet.
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BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME.....\$140,000
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GREAT PACKAGE!.....\$75,000
Three contiguous lots just minutes from Montclair Village. Consider a common driveway to take advantage of lush canyon views as well as partial Bay views from the top of these upslopes.
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A MARVELOUS PAIR.....\$71,800
These two contiguous wooded lots close to Montclair Village offer a tranquil setting and excellent location. Please call for more information or well as directions so you may drive by and view the surrounding area
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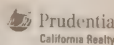
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101 Beechwood Drive, Oakland

Elegant architecture and exceptional detailing accent this romantic five bedroom, three plus bath Tuscan Villa in Claremont Pines. Designed and built by Mark Becker, this new home sits on an exceptional lot with private gardens.

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Sales

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SAN LORENZO

15506 Dermody Av - \$293,000
1361 Jacqueline Pl - \$237,000
15603 Vassar Av - \$310,000
1115 Via Los Trancos - \$315,000
17440 Via Primo - \$311,000

By the numbers

TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST PRICE: \$255,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$905,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$479,350

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$255,000

TOTAL SALES: 11
LOWEST PRICE: \$170,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,500,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$400,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$471,818

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$270,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$545,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$361,500

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$175,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$325,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$258,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 59
LOWEST PRICE: \$80,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,200,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$242,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$325,458

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 30
LOWEST PRICE: \$90,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$520,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$253,217

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 20
LOWEST PRICE: \$192,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$593,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$352,325

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$237,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$315,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$310,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$293,200

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Housing expectations reveal north-south disparity

LOS ANGELES (March 19) —Southern California Realtors are more optimistic about the future of the state's housing market than their Northern California counterparts, indicating a possible shift in the underlying dynamics of the Bay Area's dot-com driven marketplace, according to a survey tracking Realtors' expectations conducted by the California Association of Realtors (C.A.R.). "We conducted a survey asking our Realtor members their expectations of future housing market developments," said C.A.R. President Gary Thomas. "Our research revealed that expectations differed significantly among Realtors in Northern California, where the influence of the dot-com economy is most concentrated, compared to the rest of the state."

Given the robust pace of home sales throughout the state in 2000, more than one-half (54.2 percent) of Realtors surveyed expect sales activity to continue to increase in the first half of 2001.

However, Southern California Realtors are far more optimistic about future sales activity than those in Northern California. While 61.3 percent of Realtors in Southern California expect sales activity to increase within the next half year, only 41.7 percent of Realtors in Northern California share this view.

Nearly twice as many Northern California Realtors (25 percent) expect sales activity to decrease than those in Southern California (13.7 percent), with more than a fifth (22.5 percent) of Realtors in Southern California expecting the level of sales

activity to remain unchanged, compared to 28.2 percent in Northern California.

"Despite the surge in home prices last year, with many regions of the state posting double-digit increases, Realtors expect prices to continue their upward climb during the first half of 2001," said Leslie Appleton-Young, vice president and chief economist for C.A.R.

A majority of all Realtors surveyed (60.2 percent) expect residential real estate prices to continue to appreciate in the next six months, with only 5.5 percent expecting prices to decline. One-third (30.9 percent), however, expect prices to plateau. While Southern California Realtors' expectations mirror the statewide trend, Realtors in Northern California see future home-price

appreciation with 53.2 percent of California Realtors expecting an increase during the first half of 2001, compared to 41.7 percent in Southern California. In Northern California, 14.1 percent of Realtors surveyed expect prices to decline, compared to 13.7 percent in Southern California. Realtors surveyed indicated price changes in the near future, compared to 32 percent in Southern California. Despite the statewide expectation to see a further decrease in the number of homes for sale, the sales

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750 Mountain Blvd., Oakland

This exceptional 2 bedroom/2.5 bath custom craftsman, built in 1994, shows beautifully with two fireplaces, skylights, hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings and plantation shutters. Light-filled French doors lead to the terrace and decks. The gourmet kitchen with island opens to the family room with a river rock fireplace. Close to Montclair, schools and transportation.

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\$139,000 1026 Pine St. Charming Victorian Cottage in West Oakland Needs lots of work but much is original. Main floor has 2 bedrooms. One bath. Large basement. Kathy Hirsch (510) 814-4706.

\$299,000 1216 Everett Ave. Open Sun 2-4 Charming Glenview home. One plus bedrooms, hardwood floors, large living room, formal dining room, updated kitchen and bath, attached garage and finished basement. Gregg Fujita (510) 522-8222.

\$334,000 4468 Pampas Ave. 1st OPEN SUN 2-4 Upper Laurel immaculate 2+ bedroom, 1 new bath, large updated kitchen, hardwood floors, long driveway, garage. Bev & George Williams (510) 814-4831.

\$350,000 3154 Arizona St. Charming Spanish Mediterranean in Upper Laurel hillside neighborhood! Two bedrooms, 1 bath, formal dining room, fireplace, refinished hardwood floors, and new interior paint. Basement could be bonus room. Attached garage. George Muhr (510) 814-4891.

\$625,000 6700 Uggott Dr. Open Sun 2-4 Montclair District! Three bedrooms all with views of hills and trees, 2.5 baths, formal dining room, finished basement and bonus room. Refinished random plank hardwood floors, and new rear deck. Attached 2-car garage. To be sold "as is". Russ & Linda Grant (510) 815-4713.

\$939,000 6835 Oakwood Drive, Oakland. Fabulous contemporary home with dramatic architecture throughout. Formal entry, formal dining room gourmet kitchen, serene canyon views. Three bedrooms, 2.5 baths, master suite with fireplace and private deck. Wine cellar, private gym. Dee-Prado Keltner (510) 814-4833.

San Leandro

\$275,000 2523 Galleon Pl. Live on a creek! Single level townhome in desirable neighborhood. Spacious gas fireplace, laundry and dining area. Two bedrooms, inside laundry, carpet and tile floors. Russ & Linda Grant (510) 814-4713.

\$345,000 2514 Galleon Pl., 1st OPEN SUN 2-4. Marina Segate townhome! Three bedrooms, 2.5 baths, fireplace and wet bar in living room. Attached double car garage. Community pool, spa and tennis. Nina Guan (510) 814-4836.

\$408,000 14946 FJORD ST. Hunting Park Development! Impressive 4+ bedroom family room living area with custom fireplace. Vaulted ceilings, like setting. Security system, wood floors. 3 year old roof. Tim Mar (510) 814-4817.

San Lorenzo

\$279,000 1571 Via Hermana. Single level Ranch style home with 2 bedrooms, hardwood floors, large yard and double garage. Close to schools. To be sold "as is". Ginger Schuler (510) 814-4872.

\$319,000 15845 Via Marlin, 1st OPEN SUN 2-4. One level in San Lorenzo Village. East of Levee, in quiet neighborhood near shopping, and transportation. Three bedroom, 1 bath, with fireplace and hardwood floors. Large lot with RV, boat access to rear yard, 2-car garage. Margaret Lomba (510) 814-4829.

Fremont

\$398,000 296 Junipero Common. Move in condition! Private location close to Cabana. Three bedrooms, 1.5 baths, tiled kitchen counters, and tiled entry way. Inside laundry, 2-car garage, and well maintained front and back patios. Julie Rivard (510) 814-4870.

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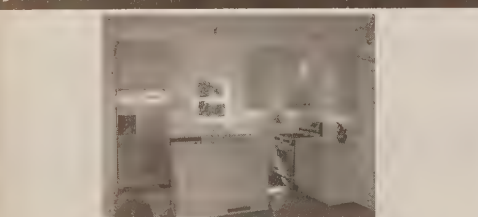
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KENSINGTON. 22 Camelot Ct.....\$799,000
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EL CERRITO. 1132 Contra Costa.....\$587,000
Stunning contemporary with million dollar views. Totally remodeled with impeccable attention to details, this 3+ bedroom, 2 bath home has it all on one level. Vaulted ceilings, dream kitchen, and loads of light. Great for entertaining.
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EL CERRITO. 1432 Navellier.....\$479,000
Nestled in against the hills. Spacious four plus, two bath home in quiet location with great views from large deck off master bedroom. Beautiful oak staircase. Adjacent hiking trails from private garden. **Open Sunday 2-4**

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BERKELEY. 2323 Hearst Street.....\$585,000
Elegant John Hudson Thomas Iver Architecturally magnificent with original details and beautiful woodwork. 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, den plus bonus rooms. Huge home with nice yard

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ALBANY "MID-CENTURY" 841 Cerrito St.....\$329,000
Spacious, sunny, solid 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath with great floor plan. Huge basement with much potential. **Open Sunday 2-4**

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ALBANY. 1289 Brighton.....\$399,000
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RICHMOND N&E. 550 34th Street.....\$229,000
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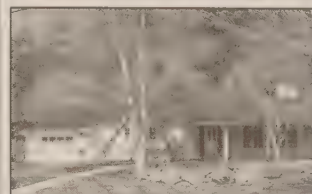


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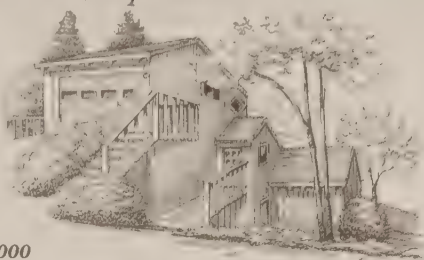
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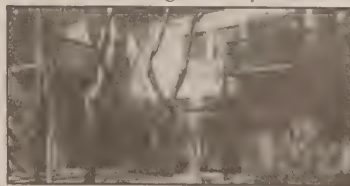
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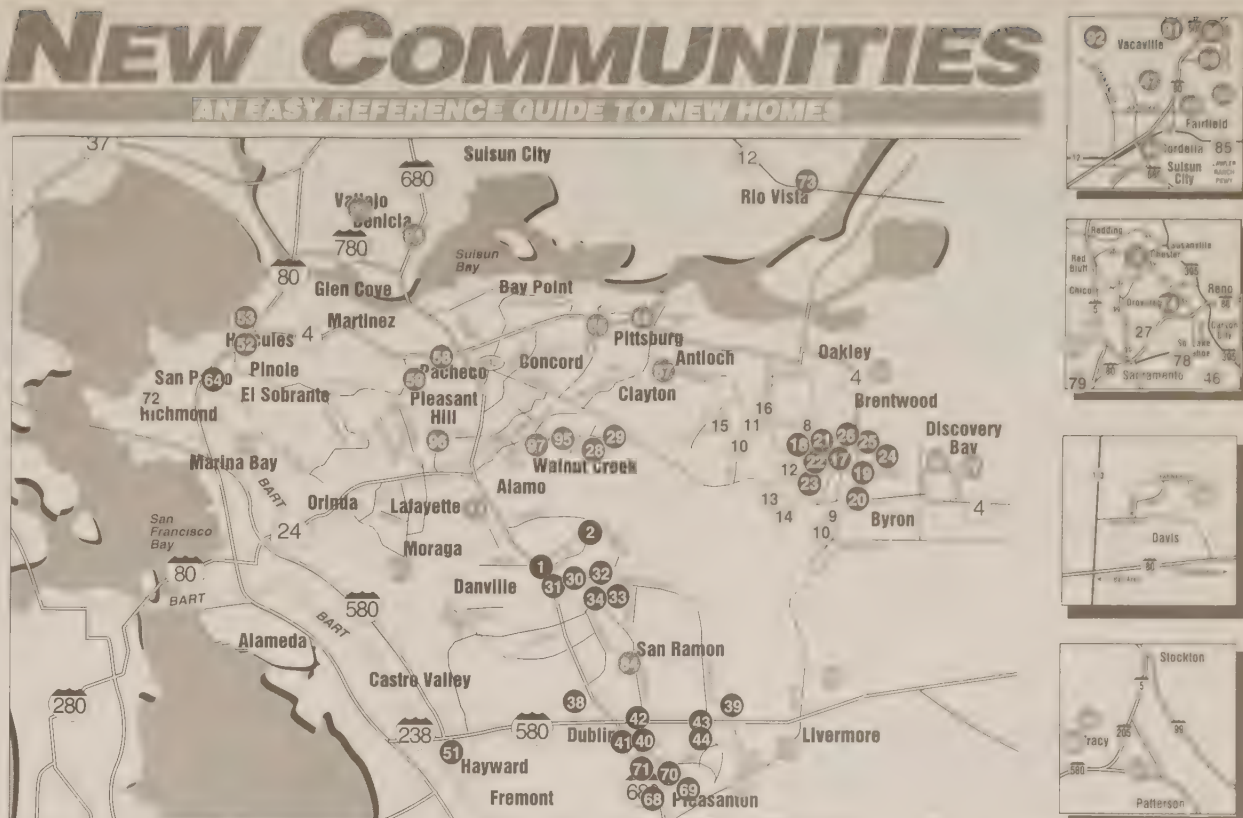
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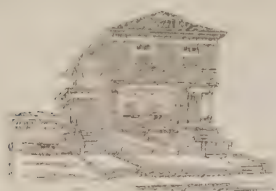
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73 Trilogy at Rio Vista
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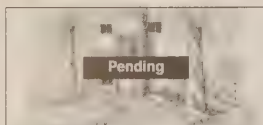
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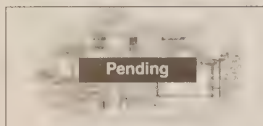
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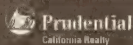
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4/2, 20 Lighthouse Ln, Rich, Open 2-4:30 \$540,000

By Appointment

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Alb, 3+2 Charming larger home in grt loc \$529,000
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EC, 2/1 Spacious Berk-style CA bungalow \$279,000
EC, 3/2 Light-filled w/ partial Bay view \$399,000
Kens, 3+2 Monterey Colonial w/ Bay views .. \$795,000

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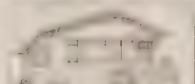
Berk, 2/1 Sunny + income + separate office \$479,000
Berk, 3/2 Great remodels w/ old world charm .. \$649,000
Oak, 3+1 Cute home, fireplace, deck, basmt... \$325,000
Rich, 2/1 Sunny bungalow, hrdwd throughout .. \$169,000

RESIDENTIAL INCOME

Berkeley, 1600 Tylet, 4 units \$680,000
Berkeley, 1539 Prince, 4 units \$475,000
Berkeley, Grant x Vine, 2 spacious flats \$650,000

LOTS & LAND

Berkeley, 0 La Loma at Cedar \$395,000
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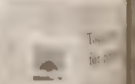
New Listing!
1320 Ordway, Berk \$299,000
Open Sun 4/8 2-4pm



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2149 Stuart #3, Berk \$359,000
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Cal Fed Lending 925-256-9667	6.625+.741(6.75) 6.75+.291(6.83)	7+.795(7.75) 7.125+.303(7.15)	NA	6.25+.775(6.77) 6.375+.458(6.72)	6.25+.245(6.83) 6.375+.0(6.84)	Ask about our FHA and CAL STRS Loan Program. 3.0% time home buyer grant. Free pre-qualification. For pricing options call (925)-256-9667
CMG Mortgage Inc. 800-958-5339	6.5+2.125(6.79) 6.75+1.125(6.94) 7.125+0(7.21)	7+1.5(7.80) 7.375+.5(7.47) 7.5+0(7.55)	6.625+.5(6.75) 6.875+0(6.96)	6.25+1.25(6.45) 6.625+.5(6.75) 6.875+0(6.96)	6+1.5(6.22) 6.375+.5(6.50) 6.625+0(6.70)	Aggressive financing for people with less than perfect credit qualifications. Second mortgages. Call Mike 7 days a week and Sundays. 30yr Jumbo rate was quoted using an ARM rate.
Downey Savings & Loan 800-798-2148	6.5+2.375(6.78)	6.875+2.375(7.14)	NA	0+2.375+0	NA	Direct lender, 40 years experience. All types of mortgage. Fixed and ARM mortgages.
Mortgage Market 800-837-5628	7.125+0(7.25)	7.375+0(7.50)	7+0(7.12)	6.5+0(6.62)	6.25+0(6.36)	Credit problems, bankrupt, difficult loans we specialize in government loans. 100% loans, credit lines, 20 years of service. Appointments anytime.

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San Antonio	8803 - BA	2-4	\$120.00
City of Houston	510-814-4836, Harbor Bay Realty		
City of Houston	480/38A	2-4	\$385.00
City of Houston	510-814-4816, Harbor Bay Realty		
City of Houston	480/38A	2-4	\$648.00
City of Houston	510-814-4848, Harbor Bay Realty		
City of Houston	480/38A	2-4	\$838.00
City of Houston	510-814-4710, Harbor Bay Realty		
City of Houston	3 - 80/28A	2-4	\$738.00
City of Houston	510-814-4705, Harbor Bay Realty		
City of Houston	480/28A	2-4	\$698.00
City of Houston	510-814-4810, Harbor Bay Realty		
City of Houston	480/28A	2-4	\$648.00
City of Houston	510-814-4890, Harbor Bay Realty		
City of Houston	510-814-4813, Harbor Bay Realty		
City of Houston	280/3A	2-4	\$215.00
City of Houston	510-523-2314	2-4	\$215.00
City of Houston	510-814-3576, Harbor Bay Realty		
City of Houston	480/28A	2-4	\$620.00
City of Houston	510-814-4862, Harbor Bay Realty		
City of Houston	3 - 80/18A	2-4	\$575.00
City of Houston	510-814-4815, Harbor Bay Realty		
City of Houston	380/28A	2-4	\$579.00
City of Houston	510-522-4662, Harbor Bay Realty		
City of Houston	380/28A	2-4	\$590.00
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735 Key Route Red Oak Realty Marc (510) 280-2103	360/2ba	2-4	\$498,000
918 Curtis St Rich Sells 510-534-2301	2BD/1.5BA ent 347, Pacific Union	2-4:30	\$448,000
1289 Brighton Marvin Gardens Real Estate, Mary Gray (510) 559-2390	2 - BD/2BA	2-4	\$399,000
1131 Garfield Arada Wyle 510-339-8900 La Salle Properties	3bd/1ba	2-4:30	\$378,000
BERKELEY			
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
1165 Miller Ave. Colleen Larkin, Thomwell Properties 510-848-1950 ext 2402	4BD/2 1/2 BA	1-4:30 510-848-1950 ext 2402	\$2,000
90 Alvarado Clanor Realty Joan Afford, 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	4BD/3 - BA	2-6	\$1,495,000
904 Alvarado Clanor Realty Henry Dickley, 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	4 - D/3BA	2-6	\$1,395,000
634 Wildcat Canyon Rd. Nin Cleveland, 510-527-0700	5BD/3BA	1-4	\$1,195,000
Marvin Gardens Real Estate, John W. W. 510 527-0700			
830 Panoramic Way 15146-1495, Coldwell Banker	4BD/3BA	2-4:30	\$1,100,000
6850 Charming Cross Prudential, Velazquez (510) 526-5143	4/3BA - BA	2-5	\$980,000
1373 Campus Coloia Realty, Prudential CA 94710-524-2329	3BD/2 - BA	2-5	\$985,000
31 Florida Ave. Blanco Gray 510-486-1485, Coldwell Banker	3 - BD/3BA	2-4:30	\$985,000
842 Santa Rosa Ren Eghemian 510-652-2133, ext 127 Templeton Lovett Co.	3 - BD/2BA	2-4:30	\$795,000
558 Santa Barbara Helen Barlin 510-652-2133, ext 124, Templeton Lovett Co.	4BD/2BA	2-5	\$780,000
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774 Spruce Street Prudential California, Candice Economides 510-845-8200	3BD/- BA	2-4	\$699,000
1248 Martin Luther King The Longs-510-486-1495, Coldwell Banker	3BD/2BA	2-4:30	\$678,000
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335 Panoramic Prudential California, Candice Economides 510-845-0200	3BD/-	2-4	\$595,000
490 Crumming Maya Trilling, Berkeley Hills RE (510) 524-5898 ext 18.	3BD/1BA	2-4	\$589,000
1211-1213 Curtis Red Oak Realty (510) 280-2138 Billy	Bdys. 2BD/1BA	2-4	\$550,000
395 Dwight Place Barbara Martindale 510-486-1495, Coldwell Banker	2BD/1 - BA	2-4:30	\$525,000
055 Keith Prudential California, Reynolds 510-845-0200	3BD/- BA	2-4	\$525,000
515 Oxford I.A. Anne Van Dusen 510-652-2133, ext 137 Templeton Lovett Co.	2-4:30	2-4:30	\$455,000
734 Cedar Berkley Gail Erick 510-652-2133 ext 133, Templeton Lovett Co.	2BD/2BA	2-5	\$435,000
700 7th St Prudential, Terrence Jue (510) 524-2526	4BD/2 - BA	2-4	\$423,000
2323 Dwight Way Lynette Ring 510-222-8071 or 510-662-8497, Security Pacific R.E.	3BD/2BA	2-5	\$395,000
225 Delaware Jamie Lake (510) 862-8497, Security Pacific	1BD/1BA	1-5	\$388,000
1227 Curtis Red Oak Realty (510) 280-2125 Laif	2bd/1ba	2-4	\$369,000
104 Blake St Berkley Mortclair Better Homes, 510-339-4000	3BD/1BA	2-4:30	\$369,000
49 Stuart St Red Oak Realty (510) 280-2113 Greta	1bd/2ba	2-4	\$359,000
127 Ashby Red Oak Realty (510) 280-2163 Charlie	2bd/1ba	2-4	\$348,000
55 10th Street Open Sun only Lynne Kayfetz, Kayfetz & Associates, 510-237-5212.	2BD/2ba	1-4	\$325,000
133 Ashby Ave Jadelei Wong, 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	2 - BD/1BA	2-4:30	\$325,000
20 Ordway Red Oak Realty (510) 280-2162 Saraya	1bd/1ba	2-4	\$299,000
20 8th Street #4 Joan Brunswick, Berkeley Hills RE (510) 524-5898 ext 12.	1BD/1BA	2-4	\$285,000
Panoramic #103 I.C. Area Lisa Friedman, Prudential CA 510-986-9547	2BD/1BA	2-5	\$242,500
L. CERRITO			
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
2 Contra Costa Marvin Gardens Real Estate, Denise Blag (510) 559-2908	3 - BD/2BA	2-4	\$887,500
Arlington The Longs-510-486-1495, Coldwell Banker	3BD/2BA	2-4:30	\$524,000
Arlington Blvd Kito, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	4BD/3BA	2-4:30	\$408,000
2 Navellor Rhodes 510 559-2928, Catherine Kruger 510 559-2916 Marvin Gardens	4 - BD/2BA	2-4	\$479,000
San Carlos Ann Carlos Ken Ford (510) 662-8474, Security Pacific	3BD/1.5BA	2-4	\$395,000
Everett www.cerandangel.com (510) 662-8558, Security Pacific	2BD/1BA	2-4	\$298,950
MERVILLE			
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
2 Park Ave #G Hillington, Prudential 510-986-9485	1BD/1BA	2-4:30	\$255,000
PENSINGTON			
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
Amoret Ck San Sanyan Marvin Gardens Real Estate, Chris Kallitz, 510 559-2914	3BD/2.5BA	2-4	\$798,000
Volleyball Ave Lynette Realty, Aubrey L. Broadway 510-549-2181	3BD/2BA	2-4	\$479,500

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101 Beechwood Dr Carmont Pines Erica Celestio, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	580/3 - BA	2-4:30	\$2,349.00	
7105 Marlborough Ter Carmont Hills Stella Michalides, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	480/3 - BA	2-4:30	\$1,375.00	
1842 Grandview Drive Prudential California, Nancy Plattford 510-945-0200	380/-	2-4	\$1,295.00	
5832 Acacia Ave Elizabeth Dickson, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	380/4BA	2-4:30	\$1,295.00	
6415 Thorndale Ave. Ann Nichols, 510-339-6480 ext. 318, Pacific Union	3 - bd/3.5ba	2-4:30	\$1,295.00	
5924 Contra Costa Rd. Rosale Woods 510-339-6480 ext.324, Pacific Union	480/3BA	2-4:30	\$1,250.00	
6150 Mazuela Dr. Sandy Chien, Prudential 510-339-9290	480/3 - BA	2-4:30	\$1,150.00	
1225 Grand View Carmont John Karmay, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	380/2 - BA	2-4:30	\$1,099.00	
5959 Contra Costa Under Rockledge Carolyn Dew, 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	3 - BD/2BA	2-5	\$1,075.00	
6040 Ocean View Dr. Under Rockledge Michael Thompson, 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	480/1 - BA	2-5	\$995.00	
2701 Victor Ave Redwood Hts Montclair Better Homes, Richard Kneeling 510-339-4000	580/4BA	2-4:30	\$950.00	
3237 Monterey Blvd. Barbara Hopper, Prudential CA 510-945-0211	580/3 - BA	2-5	\$939.00	
55 Bay Forest Dr. Oakland-Berkely Hills Wendy Callaghan, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-531-7000 ext.227	3 - BD/4BA	2-4:30	\$899.00	
8051 Estates Dr. Adriana Giamonelli 510-339-6460 ext.350, Pacific Union	480/3.5BA	2-4:30	\$895.00	
5053 Skyline Blvd. Top of Broadway Terr. Jim Fargus 510-339-8900 La Salle Properties	386/2 - Bx	2-4:30	\$889.00	
5157 Rutland Rd Montclair Peter & Ellen Nicolopoulos, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-339-9780	480/2BA	2-4:30	\$879.00	
831 Caldwell Oak Real Realty (510) 280-2138 Billy	464/2 - bn	2-4	\$850.00	
5096 Broadway Terrace 3 - bd/3.5ba Montclair Lynda Battle 510-339-6460 ext. 374, Pacific Union	380/3.5ba	2-4:30	\$795.00	
5037 Ridgemont Dr Ridgemont Carlin Corcoran, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	480/3BA	2-4:30	\$789.00	
8041 Broadway Terr. Montclair Lois C Johnson 510-339-8900 La Salle Properties	580/3BA	2-4:30	\$789.00	
404 Forest St Rockledge Cheryl Hargett 510-339-6460 ext 375, Pacific Union	3 - bd/2.5ba	2-4:30	\$789.00	
3399 Florence Ave. Under Rockledge Dee Knowland 510-339-6460 ext 318, Pacific Union	380/3BA	2-4:30	\$748.00	
041 Hamlock St Montclair Coldwell Banker, Bruce Benfroy 415-464-3335	380/3ba	1-4	\$748.00	
499 Proctor Ave. Under Rockledge Ashley O'Neil 510-339-6480 ext 368, Pacific Union	384/2ba	1-4	\$699.00	
823 Drake Dr. Montclair Jeffrey Himmel, 510-339-6460 ext.307, Pacific Union	580/3BA	2-4:30	\$699.00	
500 Arrowhead Montclair Ellen Lancaster, 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	380/2 - Bx	1:30-4:30	\$699.00	
254 Holman Nadar Dewart, 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	3 - BD/2BA	2-4:30	\$685.00	
981 Joaquin Miller Rd Jeff Hankins, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	480/4BA	2-4:30	\$685.00	
4040 Main Blvd. Montclair Nancy Moore 510-339-6460 ext 302, Pacific Union	280/2.5BA	2-4:30	\$675.00	
117 Moraga Ave Montclair Nahid Naselli, Montclair Better Homes, 510-287-5770	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$659.00	
117 Moraga Ave Montclair Nahid Naselli, Montclair Better Homes, 510-339-9400	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$659.00	
Starbuck Old PI Open Sat Only Bill Sued 510-523-0673 Kamo & Associates	380/-	2-4	\$659.00	
55 Chelsea Dr. Montclair Patricia Scott Winslow, 510-339-4460 ext.315, Pacific Union	4/3 - 2/4	1-4	\$650.00	

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11001 Lochard Golden Hills Nanette Whitson, Prudential 510-339-8290	580/3BA	2-4:30	\$648,000	
2067 Manzanita Dakota Hills Deborah Roney 510-339-8900/218 La Salle Properties	564/3BA	2-5	\$648,000	
1811 Mountain Blvd Montclair Chloe Friday Judy, Prudential 510-428-0900	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$648,000	
4045 Balfour Lakewood Jack Brownman, 510-339-4700 Caldwail Banker	382/2 + BA	2-5	\$648,000	
1811 Mountain Blvd. Montclair Chloe Friday Judy, Prudential 510-428-0900	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$648,000	
2039 Trafalgar Montclair Erk. Anderson, Prudential 510-339-8290	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$648,000	
70 Pine Hills Court Montclair Adam Betts, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	380/3A	2-4:30	\$639,500	
1000 Mandana Cedar Highlands Montclair Better Homes, 510-339-8400	480/2BA	2-4:30	\$598,000	
6700 Liggett Russ Grant 510-814-4713, Harbor Bay Realty	3 + 80/2BA	2-4	\$625,000	
1917 Oak Crest Montclair Dakotina Cooper, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	3 + 80/2BA	2-4:30	\$599,000	
424 Van St 2/280 + 2/180 units Sherry Benninger, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	4+plex	2-4:30	\$599,000	
841 Santa Ray Av Crocker Highlands Michelle Vasey 510-339-8460 ext 358, Pacific Union	480/2 - BA	2-4:30	\$598,000	
6009 Pinewood Rd Montclair Dorcas Costello 510-339-6460 ext 355, Pacific Union	380/2 + BA	2-4:30	\$598,000	
1820 Clemens Rd Oakland Montclair Better Homes, 510-339-8400	480/1 + BA	2-4:30	\$598,000	
7265 Mid Current Way Montclair Kathleen Callahan 510-339-6460 ext.343, Pacific Union	48/3BA	2-4:30	\$598,000	
5915 Maxwella Dr Montclair Montclair Better Homes, 510-339-8400	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$595,000	
4155 Webster Prudential California, BNY Stockton 510-945-0200	4 Units	2-4:30	\$575,000	
30 Eastwood Court Montclair Halosh Choe, Prudential 510-287-0003	380/2 + BA	2-5	\$569,000	
4020 Reinhardt Redwood Hgts Carol Rebbiano, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-531-7700 ext.252	3 + 80/3BA	2-4:30	\$569,000	
6045 Fairlane Dr. Carlyn Jones, 510-339-6460 ext.338, Pacific Union	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$569,000	
4490 Arcadia Oakland Richard Hops, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-531-7700 ext.244	580/4BA	2-4:30	\$565,000	
80 Edgemont Chabot Hills John Wosley, Prudential 510-339-8290	480/3BA	2-4:30	\$565,000	
3339 Victor Ave Redwood Heights San Ridge Real Estate, Brenda Comenas-Prado 510-562-483	380/3BA	2-4:30	\$549,000	
6909 Ridgewood Dr Montclair Montclair Better Homes, 510-339-8400	480/2BA	2-4:30	\$548,000	
3981 Hanly Rd Open Sunday By Owner, (510) 482-5423	380/2+BA	2-5	\$546,000	
565 Santa Ray Open Sunday Liz Stevens 510-845-0200, Prudential California	3 - 80/-BA	2-4:30	\$545,000	
13039 Broadway Ter Montclair Teri Corfale 510-339-6460 ext.305, Pacific Union	380/2.5BA	2-4:30	\$545,000	
580 Kanywin Rd. Chris Nedderson 510-827-0174, Prudential of Calif.	3 - 80/-BA	2-5pm	\$538,000	
3627 Kingsley Open Sat Prudential California, Lillie B. 510-845-0200	880/-BA	1-3	\$529,950	
3627 Kingsley Open Sun Prudential California, Lillie B. 510-845-0200	880/-BA	3-5	\$529,950	
2039 Allison Dr Montclair Chris Cohen, Lori Lombardo, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$529,500	
2 Eastwood Court Kathi Olson, 825-284-3700, Pacific Union R.E. Group	380/1BA	Sun. 1-4	\$529,000	
6741 Armour Montclair Prudential California, 510-339-8700 Caldwail Banker	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$529,000	

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515 Mandana Blvd. Joanne Gudo 510-339-6460	2 - 80/2BA est.346, Pacific Union	2-430	\$628,000
4121 Lakeshore Crestor Highlands Angela Wei Grubb, The GRUBB Co	380/1 - BA 510-339-0400	2-430	\$525,000
4622 Redwood Rd. Dick Chohn, 510-339-6460	380/2.5BA est.308, Pacific Union	2-430	\$525,000
8090 Hanes Dr Hansel Dr Wang, Prudential	480/2 - BA 510-339-8290	2-430	\$508,000
1230 Holman Rd Sellers, Regan Dennis Ridgeway, Owner/Broker	380/1 - BA 510-534-4044	1-430	\$498,000
6656 Heather Ridge Montclair Wendy Gardner, 510-339-6460	380/2.5BA est.303, Pacific Union	2-430	\$498,000
841 Mandane Crestor Highlands Dion Hymer, 510-339-4700	380/2BA Caldwell Banker	2-430	\$498,000
12225 Brookpark Rd Parkridge Estates Chris Christensen, Wells & Bennett Realtors	380/2BA 510-531-7000	2-430	\$498,000
395 60th St Redwood Rd. David Higgins, Prudential	380/2BA 510-428-0900	2-430	\$495,000
1941 Drake Dr Kathrina Verzeas 510-339-8900	380/1BA est.240, La Salle Properties	2-430	\$498,000
4609 Park Blvd. Glenview Kancy or Jaye, Wells & Bennett Realtors	3 - 80/1BA est.254	2-430	\$489,000
6024 Harwood Ave Lewiston Associates, Ron Kries 510-547-5970	380/2BA Harwood.com	1-430	\$478,000
4285 Montgomery Piedmont Ave. Lisa Friedman, Prudential	380/2BA 510-886-9547	2-6	\$459,000
7285 Snake Rd Montclair Better Homes, 510-339-4000	280/2BA 510-339-4000	2-430	\$448,000
4067 Harding Wy. Open Sun. 252, 953-831-8151	2 - bd/2ba. est.14	1-4	\$445,000
25 RAMONA AVE 172 Bk. to Piedmont Ave LIDY CLARK, 252-258-1111	280/1BA&T & SUN est.14	2-430	\$438,000
629 Polior Heidi & Jerry Long 480/1.5BA est.318, Caldwell Banker	480/1.5BA est.318, Caldwell Banker	2-4	\$429,000
629 Polior St Ben Berkeley Border The Longs/510-486-1485	480/1 - BA est.1485, Caldwell Banker	2-430	\$429,000
5052 Kearney Ave Donna Costello 510-339-6460	2 - 80/2BA est.355, Pacific Union	2-430	\$425,000
3568 Kempton Alice Wang Roth, Prudential	4 - 80/2BA 510-429-0900	2-430	\$418,000
35 Agnes St Upper Rockwood Lisa Kromstad 510-339-6460	280/2BA est.318, Pacific Union	2-430	\$410,000
5727 Balboa Kathryn Hill, Thornwell Properties, 510-448-1950	380/2BA est.299,200	2-430	\$399,000
5436 Broadway Sandra Vogt, The GRUBB Co	2 - 80/1BA 510-339-0400	2-430	\$399,000
200 Lakeside DR, #601 Lyle Merritt Phyllis Wherry, 510-339-4700	280/2BA Caldwell Banker	2-430	\$399,000
4500 Tompkins Ave Tammy Anthony, 510-834-2300	380/2BA Pacific Union	2-430	\$399,000
339 46th St, Duplex Lower Temescal Lisa Friedman, Prudential	380/2BA 510-886-9547	2-6	\$399,000
615 Chestnut Ave New Garland Mavis Delacrest, The GRUBB Co	2 - 80/4BA 510-339-0400	2-430	\$399,000
7853 Crest Av Caldwell Montclair Better Homes, 510-339-9400	2 - 80/1BA 510-339-9400	2-430	\$389,000
1123 Excelsior Ave Crestor Highlands Montclair Better Homes, 510-339-8400	2 - 80/1BA 510-339-8400	2-430	\$398,000
3948 Canon Glenview Aislinn Lactia, Keynote properties, 415-447-8201	280/2BA 415-447-8201	1-4	\$388,000
2936 Morgan Lincoln Hgts Rachel Baker, 510-339-4700	380/2BA Caldwell Banker	2-430	\$378,000
5730 Thornhill Dr Montclair Montclair Better Homes, Nahid Kassei	280/1BA 510-287-5700	2-430	\$368,000
10433 Foothill Blvd. Open Sat. 2:30-4:30 & Sun 10:30-12:30 Dick Wong Roth, Prudential	4 - 80/1BA est.290,000	2-430	\$368,000
8215 Crown Ave Montclair Victor Ratto, Caldwell Banker	1 + 80/1BA 510-339-4700	1-430	\$349,000
6980 Colton Montclair Dell Orr, 510-339-4700	380/2BA Caldwell Banker	2-430	\$335,000
445 Pampas Bever Williams 510-814-4831	2 - 80/1BA Hartley Bay Realty	2-430	\$334,000
3905 Midvale Arnoe Badger, Berkeley Hills R.E. (510-432-9888)	280/1BA est.329,000	2-430	\$329,000
3000 Tulay Place Hillcrest Candace Berryl, Prudential	2 + 80/2BA 510-428-0900	2-430	\$329,000
2935 Rampart Lincoln Hgts Rachel Baker, 510-339-4700	280/1BA Caldwell Banker	2-430	\$324,000
7335 Valentine St Donna DeBardi, 510-339-6460	280/1BA est.345, Pacific Union	2-430	\$319,000
5141 Monarchdow Way Millbrae Leticia Runk, Prudential	380/1BA 510-834-2010	1-4	\$298,000
8801 Norton Ave Kathy Flynn 510-339-6460	280/1BA est.317, Pacific Union	2-430	\$298,000
2851 Modesto Ave Homes-Link Team 510-748-5300	280/2BA 510-748-5300	2-4	\$298,000
511 YORK ST #117 GRAND LANE RENE BOOMER, Prudential	280/2 + BA 510-339-8290	2-430	\$298,000
1216 Everett 1 - 80/1BA 2-430	80/1BA 2-430	2-430	\$298,000

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3623 Kansas Open Sat Only Krytlys Homes 510-483-1678 Kara & Associates	380/0	1-4	\$298,980
4827 Walnut Manoral Park Kate Phillips, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-438-4100	480/-BA	2-4:30	\$296,000
2210 Maders Ave Manoral Park Montclair Better Homes, 510-338-4000	380/1BA	2-4:30	\$285,000
4344 Altendale Manoral Park Kate Phillips, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-438-4100	280/1BA	2-4:30	\$279,000
7817 Greenly Dr Oakland 58 Miller, 510-982-0214, Prudential Landmark Real Estate	2 - 80/1BA	2-4:30pm	\$275,000
5615 Hillton World-Key-Bay Area, Dianne Campbell 510-630-0596	2 - 80/2BA	2:30-5	\$274,900
2979 55th Ave Blissful Place Steven Bassett 510-338-9900/239 La Salle Properties	2 - 80/1ba	2-4:30	\$269,000
6182 Laird Ave. Estate E. Haume, 510-338-6480 ext.358, Pacific Union	2 - 80/1BA	2-4:30	\$269,000
6900 Sunkist Oakland Montclair Better Homes, 510-338-4000	2 - 80/1BA	2-4:30	\$265,000
1800 Moss Way Kathryn Stein, 510/948-1950 ext.30, Thornwall Properties.	2/20/30	1-3:30	\$248,000
3631 Lyon Ave www.3631lyon.com Lyon Associates, Ron Klotz 510-547-6870	280/1BA	1-4:30	\$248,000
7604 Canyon Oaks Oakland Hills Sherry Beninger, The GRUBB Co. 510-338-0400	220/28A	2-4:30	\$234,000
3690 Madrone Ave. Diane McCan 510-338-6460 ext 332, Pacific Union	180/1BA	2-4:30	\$223,500
525 Mandana Blvd *1312 Lakeshore/Grand Nanette Loran-Green, Prudential CA Realty 510-634-2010	180/1BA	2-4:30	\$223,500
996 81st St. Roca Prudential California, Arthur G. White 510-845-0200	480/-	2-4	\$225,000
7100 Canyon Oaks Dr Oakland Hills Sherry Beninger, The GRUBB Co. 510-338-0400	180/1BA	2-4:30	\$188,000
7401 Hemlock St Open Sat & Sun, Montclair Cowell Banker, Bruce Beninger 415-464-3535	3 - 80/3BA	1-4	748,000

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62 Ardilla Rd. Virginia Varsi-Nation, 525-258-0580, Pacific Union	380/2,58A	1-4	\$1,125,000
7 Los Arboles Ann Ward, 925-258-1111 x222, Alain Pirel Realtors	380/2BA Sun 1-4	1-4	\$795,000

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221 Mountain Blvd. Gregory Cornell, 510-338-6460 ext. 225, Pacific Union	5 - bd/3.5ba	2-4:30	\$2,595,000
4400 Canyon Court Piedmont Mimi Delacort, The GRUBB Co. 510-338-0400	480/4 - BA	2-4:30	\$1,850,000
18 Moss Ave Piedmont Place Joan Simmons, The GRUBB Co. 510-338-0400	480/2BA	2-4:30	\$1,225,000
103 Monticello Lisa Harrington, Prudential 510-287-9065	5 - 80/-BA	2-6	\$1,200,000
10 Langdon Court Piedmont Debra Dryden, The GRUBB Co. 510-338-0400	3 - 80/2BA	2-4:30	\$835,000
155 Hagar Ave Piedmont Mindy Scott, The GRUBB Co. 510-338-0400	-80/-BA	2-4:30	\$885,000
219 Highland Ave Piedmont Montclair Better Homes, Carolyn Hartley 510-338-8400	4 - 80/3BA	2-4:30	\$839,000
26 Jerome Ave. Pacific Coast Real Estate, Ron Dunn 510-915-8721	3 - 80/2BA	2-4:30	\$749,000
Cavendish Lane Linda McCall, The GRUBB Co. 510-338-0400	380/2 - BA	2-4:30	\$539,000

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5040 Arlington www.cymbiabroker.com Agt 510 662-8528, Security Pacific.	380/2BA	1-4	\$329,980

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00 Lighthouse Lane Red Oak Realty (510) 280-2110 Patrick	4bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$540,000
911 Sooma www.cymbiabroker.com (510) 662-8528, Security Pacific	260/2BA	1-4	\$356,988
129 27th Street Red Oak Realty Diane (510) 280-2139	2bd/1ba	2-5	\$232,000
5034th Street Marvin Davidson Real Estate, Todd Hodson 510 559-2915	2-80/1BA	2-4	\$229,000

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5 Vandewater Red Oak Realty (510) 280-2177 Harcourt	1bd/1ba	2-4	\$360,000

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58 Victoria Court San Lorenzo Montclair Better Homes, 510-338-4000	480/3BA	2-4:30	\$465,000
514 Galleon Nina Gunn 510-814-8836, Harbor Bay Realty	380/2 - A	2-4	\$345,000

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
5465 Via Merin Margaret Lomb 510-814-4829, Harbor Bay Realty	380/1BA	2-4	\$319,000
91 Grant Ave San Lorenzo	380/-	1-4	\$319,000

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
6040 Arlington	380/2BA	1-4	\$329,988
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200 Lighthouse Lane	460/2ba	2-4:30	\$540,000
Red Oak Realty (510) 280-2110 Patrick			
91 Sonoma	280/2BA	1-4	\$356,988
www.cymbabiarika.com 662-8528, Security Pacific			
339 37th Street	2nd/1ba	2-5	\$232,000
Red Oak Realty Diane (510) 290-2139			
50 34th Street	2-BD/1BA	2-4	\$223,000
Marvin Gardner Real Estate, Todd Hodson 510 556-2913			

SAN FRANCISCO

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
5 Vandewater Red Oak Realty (510) 230-2177 Merritt	1bd/1ba	2-4	\$360,000

SAN LEANDRO			
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
58 Victoria Court San Leandro Monticlaro Bertram Homes, 510-338-4000	4BR/3BA	2-4:30	\$455,000
514 Gallien Nine Quam 510-814-8336, Harbor Bay Realty	3BR/2 - A	2-4	\$345,000

SAN LORENZO

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
5845 Via Merlin	380/1BA	2-4	\$319,000
Margaret Lomba 510-814-4829, Harbor Bay Realty			
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Section C

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RON SALSIG
Range Rat

Middle schoolers making the grade at City tourney

Two girls who may well be anything but celebrities in their eighth-grade classes at Lincoln Middle School in Alameda are the talk of San Francisco.

The talk is all about a golf tournament, one of the oldest and most prestigious titles on the West Coast — the 85th San Francisco City Championship. Martha Burkard and Ki Shui Liao, both age 13, have made it to the semifinals in the Women's Championship.

Liao and Burkard have known each other for years as members of the Alameda Junior Golf Club. But don't be surprised if they aren't speaking to each other much this week. On Saturday they play one another at Lincoln Park Golf Course, with one advancing to the finals.

There are many famous names in this trophy, like former two-time LPGA Tour president Shelley Lamkin, LPGA star Julie Inkster and, more recently, Dorothy Deane, who was the rookie-of-the-year on the LPGA Tour in 2000. This is a match-play event, played much like tennis with elimination through brackets. And this week, it's crunch time.

Occasionally a 16-year-old or a 17-year-old has made noise in championships like the San Francisco City, but age 13 simply boggles the mind of anyone who knows golf. Let alone the age of 12.

The talk is not about two 13-year-olds advancing to the final weekend this year; it is about these two golfers doing it again, for the second year in a row. The talk is about finding a frame of reference that would put something like this in perspective.

Liao was medalist in the qualifying for match play last year at the age of 12. She lost to Eden Anderson of the Cal golf team 1-up in the quarterfinals. Last weekend she defeated Mika Takayama, the 17th-ranked junior girl in the nation (and also a member of the Alameda Junior Golf Club) 3-and-2 and followed that up with a 3-and-2 victory over Penny Walsh of Chabot in the quarterfinals.

What Liao did last year was amazing, but Burkard staggered the imagination. She won the championship, defeating Anderson on the 36-hole of the 36-hole match. Burkard is defending champion, at that victory by a 12-year-old attracted international media attention from CNN to Sports Illustrated to the London Times.

And now she's doing it again. On Sunday Burkard defeated Miller of Salinas 3-and-2 in the quarterfinals. Miller has credentials. She has played in many national championships, including the U.S. Senior Amateur. Burkard jumped to a 5-up lead after 12 holes, then Miller put on a charge with three birdies in a row. The momentum belonged to Burkard, but Burkard came back to win the match, showing the heart of a champion.

"I don't think of her as a 13-year-old," Miller said.

Burkard took up golf somewhat by accident. Her father took her to a driving range one day five years ago and she was hooked.

"The first I didn't like it because I didn't hit the ball," Burkard said. "But then I won my first tournament and I liked it."

Her instructor, John Lee, is determined to point out that Burkard has the abilities on the golf course, no matter how she hits it in the classroom.

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MOSES KOPMAR of Berkeley pitched against Pinole Valley. The Yellow Jacket struck out 13 in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League game.

Kopmar back on hill — and in control

Right-hander returns from IR to pitch 2-hitter; Gauchos win, Panthers lose

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

PINOLE — If anyone was wondering about the health of Berkeley High School pitcher Moses Kopmar, the senior right-hander issued an update Wednesday against Pinole Valley.

He's fine.

Kopmar, who had not pitched in two weeks due to an injury suffered in practice last week, fired a two-hitter with 13 strikeouts as Berkeley defeated Pinole Valley 3-1 in Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League baseball action.

"It's still a little stiff," said Kopmar, who suffered a bruise above his right elbow from a thrown ball in practice on March 27. "I just tried to make pitches. About the third inning, I started finding my groove."

The Stanford-bound Kopmar was

staked to a 3-0 lead before he touched the mound. Berkeley designated hitter Matt Toma slammed a pitch by Pinole Valley's Matt Wion over the left-center field fence in the top of the first with two runners on. Wion allowed only one more hit the rest of the game.

"We couldn't get anything else together offensively, but we played perfect defense," said Berkeley coach Tim Moellering, whose team improved to 9-3, 3-0 in ACCAL action. "The question was whether Moses was rusty. Once he got through that (first inning), it was clear he was going to give us a good performance."

With one out in the bottom of the first, Pinole Valley's Marcus Maxwell ripped the first pitch he saw from Kopmar into the right-center field gap and raced for a triple. Two pitches later, Maxwell scored on a passed ball.

But Kopmar allowed only one more hit — a single to Kurt Koehler in the sixth inning — and walked three. Kopmar seemed to get stronger as the game went along. The fireballer struck out a batter for

the third out in five of the last six innings, including the fifth inning with a runner on third. He also struck out the side in the seventh.

Pinole Valley fell to 7-3-1, 1-1 in league.

El Cerrito 3, DeAnza 2

Sparked by five runs in the third inning, El Cerrito defeated DeAnza 12-3 in ACCAL action.

Freshman Greg Murray pitched a complete game for El Cerrito (4-7, 1-1 ACCAL) and went 3-for-4 with three runs scored and an RBI.

Salesian 2, St. Mary's 1

Salesian (9-3-1, 4-1 Bay Shore Athletic League) edged St. Mary's (6-8, 2-2 BSAL) 2-1 with two fourth-inning runs.

With Derek Yow on second, Dar Sefidi doubled to drive in the Chiefs' first run. Peter Callegari followed with a triple to drive in Sefidi with the eventual winning run.

Randy Renn earned the win for Salesian, striking out five and allowing only four hits in seven innings. Anthony Miyawaki pitched well for the Panthers, striking out eight and giving up only one walk in a complete-game effort.

Guy out front at Stanford

Panthers in good form heading to OAL Invitational

STAFF REPORT

As St. Mary's barrels into Saturday's Oakland Invitational at Edwards Stadium in Berkeley, there is a good case to be made that the Panthers may be the best team there.

Panther Halihi Guy won two individual events and was on two winning relay teams at last Saturday's Stanford Invitational, feats that earned him an award as track athlete of the meet.

Guy won the 110 high hurdles in 14.745 seconds, barely edging Terrell Walker of Long Beach Poly, who was second in 14.747. Guy had an easier time in the 300 low hurdles, winning in 54.16. Jeff Santana of Benicia was second in 55.61.

Guy also ran the anchor leg on

two winning relay teams. First, he teamed with Asokah Muhammed, Courtney Brown and Chris Dunbar to win the 4x100 relay in 41.81. Long Beach Poly was second in 41.96.

The same foursome won the 4x400 relay in 3:18.30. Serra of San Mateo was more than two seconds back, finishing in 3:20.88.

Two other St. Mary's male athletes took firsts. Dunbar won the 400 meters in 48.74, edging David Hill of Long Beach Poly who ran 49.20. Solomon Welch finished first in the triple jump, winning with a leap of 46 feet, 3 1/2 inches.

For the girls, Kamaiya Warren did her usual thing in the discus and shot put — she won. She finished first in

Prep track and field

St. Mary's heads to this weekend's Oakland Invitational at Edwards Field at UC-Berkeley as a favorite.

the discus with a throw of 141-5, 17 feet in front of second-place finisher Molly Clarke of Aptos (124-0). Warren also won the shot with a put of 43-31/2, three feet better than La'Sha Hill of Deer Valley (40-2).

The St. Mary's results from Stanford:

Boys

400 relay: 1. St. Mary's 41.81 (Muhammed, Brown, Dunbar, Guy); 1. TJ: Solomon Welch (SM) 46.34; 400 hurdles: 1. Halihi Guy (SM) 54.16; 400: 1. Chris Dunbar (SM) 48.74; 110 hurdles: 1. Guy 14.75; 1,600 relay: 1. St. Mary's (Muhammed, Brown, Dunbar, Guy) 3:18.3*

*Meet record (old record 3:18.9)

Girls

TJ: 4. Tiffany Johnson (SM) 37.9-1/4; LJ: 3. Quiana Plump (SM) 17-8; 100: 4. Johnson 12.08*; 400 relay: 3. St. Mary's (Plump, Johnson, Savage, Stokes) 37.05*; HJ: 4. Riana Shaw (SM) 5-4; Discus: 1. Kamaiya Warren (SM) 141-5; 100 hurdles: 2. Danielle Stokes (SM) 14.43*; 1,600 relay: 3. St. Mary's (Johnson, Stokes, Vega, Savage) 3:57.07*; SP: 1. Warren 43-4.

*School record



MIKKA VRANKOVICH and the St. Mary's Panthers fell to Salesian on April 4.

Panthers edged in pool

Ahead by two points, the St. Mary's girls saw a league win slip away when they dropped the final race of the day: the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Down 40-38, St. Joe won the day with the Panthers' No. 1 relay team was disqualified and Lindsay Audelo, Kristen Thomsen, Jennifer Radecke and Leah Abplanalp took the event. Their winning time of 4 minutes, 46.81 was about 30 seconds ahead

of Panthers Meredith Jones, Stephanie Penn, Lyca O'Loughlin and Bonnie Schlaich.

Ahead by eight points, 30-22, after Radecke won and Thomsen placed third in the 50 free, the Panthers slowly saw their lead disappear.

When St. Mary's' Perry and

Prep girls' swimming

St. Joseph 44
St. Mary's 43

Hillary Lowe went 1-2 in the 100 backstroke, Perry winning in 2 minutes, 00.12 seconds, the lead changed hands. Even after Christine Seagren won the 100 breaststroke, the Panthers maintained the two-point margin, Marisa Diaz and Schlaich finished second and third with Abplanalp fourth.

Lowe captured the 100 freestyle in 1:05.09.

Berkeley on track, place 2nd at Martinez relays

STAFF REPORTS

MARTINEZ — The Berkeley Yellowjackets boys and girls track and field teams took two seconds Saturday at the 68th Martinez Relays at Alhambra High.

Carondelet, despite winning just one event, finished with 51 points in the girls competition. The Yellowjackets had 50. The boys teams was second to Fortuna, which had 41 points. Berkeley had 34 points.

Berkeley girls sprinter Katrina Keith saved face for the dominant Yellowjackets by coming from be-

hind on the last leg to overtake Fremont-Oakland in the girls 800 relay in 1:43.7.

The Yellowjackets won the 400 relay with a time of 48.7 seconds, just short of the meet record 48.2 set by Silver Creek in 1978. They also missed the meet record in the sprint

Prep track and field

Boys

Fortuna 41
Berkeley 34

Girls

Carondelet 51
Berkeley 50

medley. Berkeley's time of 1:51.8 was just shy of Fremont's 1998 time of 1:51.2. The Yellowjackets also won the girls 1,600-meter relay with a time of 4:07.4.

The Cougars won despite finishing first in only one event — the girls long jump relay with a distance of 45 feet, one inch. However, Carondelet placed in eight of 14 events.

Berkeley sophomore Stephan Brooks pulled off two comeback victories to help the Yellowjackets to

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Chiefs, Martinez blank Panthers

RICHMOND — Salesian scored six runs in the first inning on its way to a 10-0 win over St. Mary's in BSAL play.

Nanaushika McGee went 2-for-3 with an RBI to help Salesian (10-4, 4-1 BSAL) to victory. Vanessa Martinez threw five shutout innings while striking out 13 St. Mary's (4-6, 2-3) batters in the five-inning game.

Pinole Valley 2, Berkeley 1

In a marathon battle between two undefeated ACCAL teams, Pinole Valley (4-2-1, 2-0 ACCAL) edged Berkeley (7-4, 2-1 ACCAL) 2-1 in 15 innings.

Pinole Valley tied the game 1-1 in

the sixth.

In the 15th, the Spartans' Cheri Miller singled, then stole second and third. Heather Priebe drew a walk and attempted to steal second, drawing the throw and allowing Miller to steal home with the winning run.

Uche Omokaro was the star for Pinole Valley. She pitched the entire game, striking out 25 batters and walking only one. She was also 3-for-6 at the plate.

Prep softball

Salesian 10
St. Mary's 0
Pinole 2
Berkeley 1

Arts

Freeman drives 'Spider' mystery

■ This prequel to 'Kiss the Girls' breaks out of the pedestrian mold, thanks to the gifted actor

By Vera H-C Chan

STAFF WRITER

Early on in the mystery "Along Came a Spider," the bewildered mother of a kidnap victim asks Morgan Freeman — reprising his role as famed profiler Alex Cross — "Why are you here?"

"I don't know," he answers simply, but everyone knows why. As detective Cross, who has shed light into the most twisted recesses of criminal minds, his presence testifies to the grandiose visions of a kidnapper determined to hijack a place in the history books. "He wants to be appreciated," Cross later observes. As for Freeman, he's here to elevate what would otherwise be a commonplace thriller.

Freeman is worth a thousand transparent plot twists and annoy-

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Along Came a Spider"

■ **STARRING:** Morgan Freeman, Monica Potter, Michael Wincott

■ **RATING:** R (violence and language)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 44 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters

■ **GRADE:** C+

ing threads of inconsistencies just to watch him weave depth and sincerity into ordinary lines. "I take it you've done this before," an agent asks him during a stakeout. He doesn't stop looking out a rain-soaked car window as he exhales, "Oh, yes." That "Oh, yes" alone wraps up an image of a thousand rainy nights sitting patiently like a spider in a web. As in so many of his films, Freeman invests his role with a hybrid American Zen mastery, delivering lines



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

MORGAN FREEMAN leads the way in the new suspense flick "Along Came a Spider."

like koans ("You do what you are") and encouraging everyone around him to be his equal.

It almost works in "Along Came a

Spider," based on the book by James Patterson. In this prequel to "Kiss the

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Theaters spring into new shows

It's only the first week of the month, but April already is priming the pump to shower us with a couple of the reigning monarchs of the theater.

Actors Ensemble of Berkeley opens Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman" on Friday. Although it is always an event when this timeless classic comes to a local stage, this production is especially notable for another reason: It is the first Bay Area staging with an African-American cast.

The following weekend, Contra Costa Civic Theatre airily dismisses the Friday the 13th superstition by opening something notable in another sense: the notes from the familiar score of "The Sound of Music." Nothing is a more reliable audience pleaser than this musical, unless it's the appearance of May flowers.

The Masquers Playhouse, probably caught up in the "spring ahead" daylight-saving time reminder — did you remember to move clocks ahead one hour? — got the jump on the other theaters.

It didn't wait to pull off its April Foolishness and opened the de-



JACK TUCKER

Community theater

lightfully imaginative jazz musical "archy and mehitabel" Friday night.

Actors Ensemble's production of "Death of a Salesman" adds to the universality of Miller's classic story of Willy Loman, a little man with large delusions, whose mistaken values could lead to failure by almost anyone, anywhere, anytime.

The play is directed by John Dahlen. He has staged several previous shows for the ensemble — among them "Prelude to a Kiss," "To Kill a Mockingbird" and "Angel Street" (first produced in London under the title "Gaslight.")

LET'S TAKE A BREAK: Time out for a short stopover for those interested in movie and show biz trivia.

"Gaslight" was first transferred from the stage to the screen in a



TED PHOTO

WILLY LOMAN (Bruce Williams, center) is confronted by son Biff (Eric Abrams), as wife Linda (Lindsay Margaret Clark) listens, in the Actors Ensemble of Berkeley production of Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman," the first Bay Area staging of this classic with an African-American cast.

bare-bones, wartime British film released in 1940. According to film critic and historian Leonard Maltin, what the movie lacked in budget, compared to an MGM remake four years later, was more

than made up for in its succinct depiction of evil and madness lurking just below the surface of the ordinary.

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HOT HOUSES

Fine Arts theater reflects eclectic taste of owners

THERE ARE MANY things to love about the Fine Arts Cinema, including its esoteric programming, its rich history (as ice cream parlor, Mitchell Brothers-owned porn theater and even, briefly, a showcase for Indian cinema) and the care that goes into its upkeep.

But let's talk first about the bargain factor. When is the last time you paid \$7 for a double bill of movies? Healthful fare: two movies you've been feeling like you ought to see? Don't you usually go to the video store, end up spending \$9 on three movies and then realize a week later you've got so many late fees you're embarrassed to show your face at the video store again? Not only that, but don't you always end up with something light and trashy, because it's Friday night and you're exhausted and just want mind-candy? And if you rent artistically "correct" films, don't you fall asleep halfway through the first one?

If you're like us, and you've answered yes to all of those questions, perhaps a night at the Fine Arts is in order. During the week they don't start the first film until 7:30, but they've usually got a weekend matinee. Get there early and you'll probably have an opportunity to talk to one of the three people responsible for the venue's 1997 reincarnation, co-owners Josephine Scherer, Emily Charles and Keith Arnold. Together, the three have a knowledge and love of film that's something beyond impressive.

They've also got a quirky sensibility. Consider the way Danville native Arnold's mind works: "I'm thinking of doing a double bill of 'Charlotte's Web' and 'Breaking the Waves,'" Arnold says. "The common theme is that I cried at both of them." The movies generally stick around for several days, and the bill often includes a short film Arnold and his co-owners have plucked from the film festival circuit.

A recent Friday night show paired "Different for Girls," a little-



BOB LARSON/TIMES

AT THE FINE ARTS CINEMA, the bill reflects the eclectic tastes of its film-loving co-owners, who reinvented the theater in '97. Above, projectionist Josephine Scherer tends to a film.

FINE ARTS CINEMA

■ **WHAT:** Movie theater with a twist

■ **WHERE:** 2451 Shattuck Ave. (at Haste), Berkeley

■ **PARKING:** Free on the street and usually pretty easy to find; there are a few pay lots several blocks away

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seen critical favorite from 1996, and "Tale of Winter," an Eric Rohmer movie that's a rarity at the video store. Coming at the end of May, one of Arnold's favorite documen-

taries from this year's Sundance festival, "The Natural History of the Chicken."

The 275-seat theater is a little lovey-dovey, but comfortable; and the sound system, while lacking in name-brand jargon, is a favorite of local filmmakers. The concessions include cookies and chocolate-dipped macaroons. Popcorn comes in two sizes and the price is right (\$2 or \$2.50). If you're looking for dinner, there are plenty of options nearby on Shattuck, from burritos to French cooking (La Note Provencal Restaurant at 2377 Shattuck serves dinners on Fridays and Saturdays) or Italian at Il Rosticciere, 2417 Shattuck. Within the next couple of years, Arnold hopes to add a cafe at the Fine Arts to the mix.

— Mary F. Pels

Bands stage Ashkenaz benefit for teacher who lost home in fire

On Sunday, April 8 at Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave. in Berkeley, Archway School of Oakland is hosting a benefit concert, "A Little Houseboat Music for Annie" to help the school's art teacher replace her houseboat, which was destroyed in a fire in February. The teacher, Annie Clark, and her partner, On Graems, awoke to find their houseboat in flames. They escaped, but their two dogs died. Clark received serious burns and they both suffered emotional trauma.

The bands include the Michael James Quarter, jazz ensemble; a West Coast Mardi Gras band, The Wild Buds; a rhythm and blues band, the Jim Stice Orchestra; and the Latin sounds of Nova Trova and Ray Cepeda and the Neo-Maya Experience.

For more information, contact Carol Strickman at 547-4843

EVENTS

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Dunsmuir House and Gardens Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland. (925) 275-9490 or (510) 615-5555 or www.dunsmuir.org

Fifty-Plus Adventure Walks And

Runs — The walks and runs are three-mile round-trips, lasting about one hour on the trail. All levels of ability are welcome. The walks are brisk, however, and may include some uphill terrain. Events are held rain or shine and on all holidays except Christmas.

East Bay "Walk-A-Way," first Sunday, 8 a.m.; leave at 8:15 a.m. Locations vary. (510) 582-9568 or (510) 795-7928

East Bay Walk, Run and Bike Ride, second Saturday, 8:45 a.m.; leave at 9 a.m. Call to confirm. Meet at the Iron Horse Trail, Danville. (925) 275-1443 or (925) 938-2083.

East Bay Walk and Run, fourth Sunday, meet at 8:15 a.m.; leave at 8:30 a.m. Meet at the Lafayette Reservoir, Lafayette. (925) 275-1443 or (925) 671-9354.

Castro Valley Walk, fourth Sunday, meet at 8 a.m.; leave at 8:15 a.m. Meet at the Eastshore Trail, Lake Chabot Park, at the entrance on Lake Chabot Road. (510) 582-9568 or (510) 795-7928.

Free. (510) 323-6160 or www.50plus.org

Greenbelt Alliance Outings — A series of hikes, bike rides and events sponsored by Greenbelt Alliance, the Bay Area's non-profit land conservation and urban planning organization. Call for meeting places. Reservations required for all trips.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY -

"Blooming Briones," April 14, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Enjoy the wildflowers, ponds and great views of the hills and canyons near Lafayette. Difficulty: moderate. Distance: 6 miles. Elevation gain: 1,000 to 2,000 feet. Free. (415) 255-3233.

Hayward Shoreline Interpretive

Center —

"Spring Time Bird Walk," April 7, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This approximately 2-mile walk through salt marsh, freshwater marsh and along mudflats will allow bird watchers to look for returning summer residents and winter birds moving north.

"Nature Detectives: Hopplin' Fun," April 7, 11 a.m. to noon. A monthly

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BILL MANN

Media Notes

Sad state for a proud organization

Scout's Honor: After last Sunday's "60 Minutes" piece on CBS, the Boy Scouts had better be prepared for an avalanche of angry mail and irate public reaction. Showing a troop of teary-eyed Oak Park, Ill., scouts whose troop is disbanding because of the scouts' anti-gay policies is a PR nightmare.

As a former Eagle Scout whose family was steeped in scouting and whose boyhood was spent at Scout camps (as both a camper and a counselor), the "60 Minutes" piece saddened and dismayed me.

I was an Eagle Scout at the tender age of 12, as was my younger brother. Maybe we were a family of overachievers. My father was a Scoutmaster, and I was inducted into Scouting's fraternity, the Order of the Arrow, by age 14. I'd also been a Cub Scout for three years. In those days, I was your basic straight arrow, and I still believe in the value of Scouting in giving boys and young men worthwhile pursuits and moral guidance.

My main obstacle to making Eagle (along with learning to tie a sheepshank knot) was getting the required Personal Fitness merit badge, for which one had to run a mile in six minutes. It wasn't easy — I was scheduled for surgery on my atrophied leg from childhood polio — but I managed to do it. I mention this not to brag, but to show my devotion to scouting.

But I am embarrassed and ashamed of this new Scouting executive regime for its rigid and spiteful anti-gay policies. I was disgusted while watching that "60 Minutes" piece. It's obvious — to me, anyway — that the scouts erred when they moved their national headquarters from New Brunswick, N.J., to far more conservative Irving, Texas, a while back. It's clear that they are now in the thrall of mean-spirited elements of the religious right.

Scouting should be (and always has been) larger than partisan political issues. A further irony here, of course, is that Lord Baden-Powell, Scouting's British-born founder was almost certainly gay. (To show you how hard-core I was, I even visited Baden-Powell's home in London's Hyde Park as an adult).

The Scouts, in my experience, were always non-discriminatory: In my scout troop based in WASPish suburban Westchester County, N.Y., we had black scouts and Jewish scouts, and, almost certainly, some gay Scouts. One of my tentmates at summer camp in upstate New York was the grandson of FDR adviser Bernard Baruch. Our counselor was one of the pioneering black students at Princeton. It was an enriching environment.

If the Irving, Tex., braintrust is really serious about potential child molesters preying at its camps, CBS reporter Leslie Stahl blew away this homophobic notion by pointing out that the largest study done on the subject showed that heterosexual males are three times more likely to be child molesters than gay men. Scoutmasters are dedicated, public-spirited individuals, and such people are hard enough to find these days.

Whether they're gay or straight would make no difference at all, and I'm no flaming liberal. (I'm a registered Republican, although these days I'm not sure why.)

To me, the key part of the Scout motto that pledges one to remain "morally straight" means just what it says: To be a decent, upstanding person. It DOESN'T say — or mean — "sexually straight." The good works that Scouts and such community-based groups as Rotary do every day get scant media attention.

Today Scouting is waning, even though it's needed more than ever, when all the single-parent families and absentee fathers in our society need positive role models, and I met plenty in scouting. An exclusionary policy like this will chase more boys and potential adult volunteers away.

It's bad enough that the religious right has planted so many pitfalls in Congress, but that's the least of our worries.

But when these bigots start preying with the scouts, they're doing a disservice to the firestorm in the middle America. I sure wouldn't want to be answering the phones down in Irving, Tex., this week. This former scout salutes the "60 Minutes" for its well-done and

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Titles and showtimes may change
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Showtimes for Friday, April 6.

Alameda County

Act II & III

2178 Center Street, Berkeley 843-FLM
● **Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon** (PG-13) 7:00, 9:50
● **The Widow of St. Pierre** (La Veuve de Saint Pierre) (R) 7:10, 9:40

Albany Twin

111 S. Second Avenue, Albany 843-FLM
● **The Day After Tomorrow** (PG-13) 4:15, 6:45, 9:15
● **Pollock** (R) 1:15, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00

California Theatres

2113 Broadway Street, Berkeley 843-FLM
● **Chasing Tiger, Hidden Dragon** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:10, 6:45, 9:15
● **Enemy at the Gates** (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
● **Memento** (NR) 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40

Century 25 Union City Area Landing*

32100 Union Landing Road, Union City 487-8593
● **15 Minutes** (R) 9:15
● **Along Came a Spider** (R) 11:35 a.m., 12:10, 12:55, 2:00, 2:35, 3:20, 4:20, 5:00, 5:45, 6:30, 7:15, 8:30, 9:15, 10:30, 11:10

● **Blow** (R) 11:30 a.m., 12:10, 1:00, 2:20, 3:00, 4:00, 4:55, 5:55, 7:00, 7:50, 8:45, 10:00, 10:45, 11:45
● **The Brothers** (R) 11:50 a.m., 1:15, 2:30, 3:45, 4:55, 5:35, 7:25, 9:00, 11:00, 11:35

● **Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon** (PG-13) 12:35, 3:35, 6:55, 9:50
● **The Debut** (NR) 11:25 a.m., 1:35, 3:40, 5:50, 8:10, 10:35

● **Enemy at the Gates** (R) 12:40, 3:55, 7:00, 10:10, 10
● **Exit Wounds** (R) 12:50, 3:15, 5:30, 7:55, 10:15
● **Heartbreakers** (PG-13) 12:35, 3:30, 6:45, 9:45
● **Just Visiting** (NR) 12:25, 2:45, 5:10, 7:20, 9:40, 11:50

● **The Mexican** (R) 7:50, 10:30
● **Pollock** (R) 11:45 a.m., 12:20, 2:15, 3:05, 4:45, 5:35, 7:05

● **Someone Like You** (PG-13) 11:55 a.m., 12:45, 2:25, 3:10, 4:40, 5:25, 7:15, 8:05, 9:25, 10:25, 11:45
● **Spy Kids** (PG) 11:25 a.m., 12:15, 1:00, 2:00, 2:55, 3:35, 4:30, 5:15, 7:10, 8:15, 8:55, 9:30, 10:40

● **The Tallar of Panama** (R) noon, 2:40, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30
● **Tomcat** (R) 11:40 a.m., 12:30, 1:55, 2:50, 4:25, 5:20, 6:55, 7:40, 9:20, 10:05, 11:55

● **Traffic** (R) 12:05, 3:25, 6:40, 9:55
● **Chabot Cinema**
2653 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 582-2555
● **Spy Kids** (PG) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 9:15

● **Chabot Space & Science Center Tien MegaDome**
10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 336-7300
● **The Mysterians of Egypt** (NR) 11:30 a.m., 3:00, 8:30
● **Solar Max** (NR) 7:30

● **To Be an Astronaut** (NR) 10:30 a.m., 1:00
● **Elmwood**
2988 College Avenue, Berkeley 649-0530
● **Requiem for a Dream** (NR) 5:00, 9:40
● **Shadow of the Vampire** (R) 5:40, 9:40
● **Thirteen Days** (PG-13) 6:45
● **Wonder Boys** (R) 7:20
● **Yi Yi** (A One and a Two) (NR) 6:30

● **Fine Arts Cinema - Berkeley**
2451 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 848-1143
● **Don't Look Back** (NR) (NR) 9:50
● **Secrets of Suburbia** (NR) 7:30

● **Grand Lake Theater**
3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 452-3556
● **The Brothers** (R) noon, 2:15, 9:00
● **Chasing Tiger, Hidden Dragon** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:00, 9:15
● **Heartbreakers** (PG-13) 12:30, 4:00, 7:15, 9:45
● **Pokemon** (G) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:20
● **Pollock** (R) 4:30, 7:45

● **Jack London Cinema**
100 Washington Street, Oakland 433-1320
● **Along Came a Spider** (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:05, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
● **Blow** (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:55, 4:50, 7:45, 10:40
● **The Brothers** (R) noon, 2:25, 5:15, 7:55, 10:35
● **Enemy at the Gates** (R) 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:10
● **Exit Wounds** (R) 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:05
● **Just Visiting** (NR) 12:10, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:45
● **See Spot Run** (PG) 11:30 a.m., 1:50, 4:35, 7:15, 9:50
● **Someone Like You** (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 1:50, 4:35, 7:15, 9:50
● **Spy Kids** (PG) 11:05 a.m., 1:35, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30
● **Tomcat** (R) 12:15, 2:50, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25

● **Mann Festival 9 Cinemas Hayward**
19991 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 785-8000
● **Blow** (R) 12:45, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
● **The Brothers** (R) 12:05, 12:20, 2:50, 4:40, 5:20, 7:15, 7:55, 10:40, 11:00
● **Exit Wounds** (R) 12:05, 2:00, 3:35, 4:30, 5:10, 7:10, 7:40, 9:30, 10:20
● **Heartbreakers** (PG-13) 1:00, 4:10, 7:20, 10:15
● **See Spot Run** (PG) 11:30 a.m., 1:50, 4:35, 7:15, 9:50
● **Someone Like You** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:20, 5:05, 7:30, 10:00

● **Spy Kids** (PG) noon, 12:30, 2:30, 3:00, 4:45, 5:15, 7:05, 7:45, 9:15, 9:45
● **NAZ 8**
39400 Argonaut Way, Fremont 787-2000
● **American Deli** (NR) 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, midnight
● **Censor** (NR) 5:00, 9:00
● **One 2, 3, 4, 5** (NR) 5:00, 9:00, 11:00
● **Rahul** (NR) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00

● **Oaks Theater**
1675 Soriano Avenue, Berkeley 526-1836
● **Memento** (R) 7:15
● **The Mexican** (R) 9:15
● **Spy Kids** (PG) 7:00, 9:00

● **Piedmont Theatre**
4195 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland 843-FLM
● **Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00
● **Memento** (NR) 12:0, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
● **The Tallar of Panama** (R) 1:30, 4:15, 6:45, 9:10

● **Shattuck Cinemas**
2220 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-FLM
● **Before Night Falls** (R) 1:50, 5:00, 8:00
● **Best in Show** (PG-13) 9:45
● **Billy Elliot** (R) 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30
● **Himalaya: L'Enfance d'un Cheif** (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
● **Hill and Runway** (R) 1:15, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 9:50
● **Just Visiting** (NR) 1:05, 3:10, 5:15, 7:20, 9:25
● **Me You Them** (NR) 1:45, 4:45
● **O Brother, Where Art Thou?** (PG-13) 1:55, 4:20, 6:55, 9:20

● **Pokemon** (G) 1:10, 3:15, 5:20, 7:30
● **The Tallar of Panama** (R) 2:10, 4:40, 7:05, 9:35
● **Tomcat** (R) 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:10
● **You Can Count on Me** (R) 4:15, 9:15

● **UA Berkeley 7**
2274 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-1487
● **Along Came a Spider** (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:45
● **Blow** (R) 12:45, 3:50, 7:05, 10:05
● **The Brothers** (R) 12:20, 2:35, 5:00, 7:20, 9:45
● **Gladiator** (R) 12:15, 3:35, 7:00, 10:25
● **Heartbreakers** (PG-13) noon, 2:40, 5:25, 8:10, 10:55
● **Someone Like You** (PG-13) 12:35, 2:30, 5:05, 7:35, 10:10
● **Traffic** (R) 1:00, 4:15, 7:30, 10:30

● **UA Emeryville 10**
6330 Cavella Avenue, Emeryville 420-0107
● **Along Came a Spider** (R) 1:30, 2:10, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45, 12:20 a.m.
● **Blow** (R) 10:30 a.m., 1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10, 12:30 a.m.
● **The Brothers** (R) 10:30 a.m., 12:50, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45

● **Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon** (PG-13) 10:45 a.m., 1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50, 12:30 a.m.
● **Enemy at the Gates** (R) 10:40 a.m., 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40
● **Exit Wounds** (R) 5:00, 7:50, 10:30
● **Just Visiting** (NR) 10:35 a.m., 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00, 12:15 a.m.

● **See Spot Run** (PG) 11:15 a.m., 2:15
● **Someone Like You** (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
● **Spy Kids** (PG) 11:20 a.m., 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45
● **Tomcat** (R) noon, 2:45, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30

● **UA Hayward 6**
24800 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 785-8000
● **Along Came a Spider** (R) 12:05, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

● **Enemy at the Gates** (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
● **Just Visiting** (NR) 12:30, 2:40, 5:00, 7:40, 9:45
● **The Mexican** (R) 9:30
● **Pokemon** (G) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00
● **Tomcat** (R) 12:20, 2:30, 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
● **Traffic** (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:10, 10:10

UC Theatre

2035 University Avenue, Berkeley 843-FLM
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Central Contra Costa

Crow Canyon 6

2525 San Ramon Valley Boulevard, San Ramon 820-4831
● **Along Came a Spider** (R) noon, 2:25, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45
● **Blow** (R) 1:30, 4:25, 7:10, 10:10
● **Enemy at the Gates** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
● **Heartbreakers** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:55
● **Someone Like You** (PG-13) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00
● **Tomcat** (R) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15

Festival Walnut Creek

1450 North California Blvd., Walnut Creek 934-8649
● **Blow** (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55
● **Pokemon** (G) noon, 2:30, 4:45, 7:20
● **Someone Like You** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45
● **Spy Kids** (PG) 11:40 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
● **The Tallar of Panama** (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
● **Traffic** (R) 9:30

Orinda Theater

4 Orinda Theater Square, Orinda 254-9090
● **Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon** (PG-13) 6:45, 9:15
● **Blow** (R) 6:00, 8:00, 9:45
● **The Tallar of Panama** (R) 7:00, 9:30

Park Theater

3519 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette 263-7957
● **O Brother, Where Art Thou?** (PG-13) 7:00
● **The Widow of St. Pierre** (La Veuve de Saint Pierre) (R) 9:15

Rheem All-Studio 4

3500 The Square, Manteca 938-3411
● **Along Came a Spider** (R) 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
● **Blow** (R) 4:15, 7:30, 10:00
● **Enemy at the Gates** (R) 4:35, 7:20, 9:50
● **Heartbreakers** (PG-13) 4:30, 7:10, 9:40

West Contra Costa

Century 10 Pinole

1491 Fitzgerald Drive, Pinole 222-8030
● **Along Came a Spider** (R) 12:10, 2:25, 5:05, 7:20, 9:55
● **Blow** (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:30, 4:55, 7:35, 10:10
● **The Brothers** (R) 12:15, 2:40, 5:10, 7:45, 10:30
● **Enemy at the Gates** (R) 12:30, 3:50, 7:05, 10:00
● **Exit Wounds** (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
● **Just Visiting** (NR) 11:35 a.m., 1:45, 3:50, 5:55, 8:20, 10:25

● **Pokemon** (G) 11:50 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45
● **Someone Like You** (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 2:20, 4:40, 7:30, 9:50
● **Spy Kids** (PG) 11:30 a.m., 1:35, 3:45, 5:55, 8:05, 10:15
● **Tomcat** (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:25, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20

San Francisco

AMC 1000 Van Ness

1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco (415)922-44MC
● **15 Minutes** (R) 5:10, 10:15
● **Along Came a Spider** (R) 1:10, 2:05, 4:15, 5:05, 7:20, 8:10, 10:00, 10:55, 12:25 a.m.
● **Blow** (R) 1:00, 1:50, 4:00, 4:50, 7:00, 7:55, 10:05, 11:00, 12:35 a.m.
● **Choclat** (PG-13) 1:35, 4:35, 7:30, 10:35
● **Enemy at the Gates** (R) 1:25, 4:30, 7:35, 10:40
● **Heartbreakers** (PG-13) 1:20, 4:25, 7:25, 10:20
● **Just Visiting** (NR) 1:40, 2:40, 5:10, 7:20, 9:55
● **The Mexican** (R) 2:10, 8:05, 10:50
● **Pokemon** (G) 12:45, 3:05, 5:25, 7:45
● **Spy Kids** (PG) 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10
● **The Tallar of Panama** (R) 1:15, 4:10, 7:10, 9:55
● **Tomcat** (R) 12:50, 3:10, 5:35, 8:00, 10:25, 12:40 a.m.
● **Traffic** (R) 12:10, 3:30, 7:05, 10:30

AMC Kabuki 8

1881 Post Street, San Francisco (415)922-44MC
● **The Brothers** (R) 10:20
● **Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon** (PG-13) 4:10, 7:10, 10:15
● **The Debut** (NR) 12:50, 3:00, 5:15, 7:50, 10:30
● **Enemy at the Gates** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
● **Heartbreakers** (PG-13) 1:20, 4:25, 7:25, 10:10
● **Just Visiting** (NR) 12:40, 2:40, 5:10, 7:20, 9:55
● **Pokemon** (G) 12:15, 2:30, 4:50, 7:40
● **Spy Kids** (PG) 12:40, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45
● **Tomcat** (R) 1:15, 4:35, 7:15, 9:40

Bridge

2010 Bayview Blvd., San Francisco (415)352-0810
● **O Brother, Where Art Thou?** (PG-13) 2:15, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45

Castro Theatre

Castro Street & Market Streets, San Francisco (415)621-5120
● **Himalaya** (NR) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

Clay

2261 Filmore Street, San Francisco (415)352-0810
● **Pollock** (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40

Embarcadero

1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco (415)352-0810
● **Before Night Falls** (R) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30
● **The Death** (PG-13) 12:15, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
● **Memento** (NR) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00, 1:4, 7, 9, 40
● **You Can Count on Me** (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50

Lumiere

1572 California Street, San Francisco (415)352-0810
● **The Day I Became a Woman** (NR) 12:50, 2:55, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10
● **Hill and Runway** (R) 12:45, 2:50, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
● **Requiem for a Dream** (NR) 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45

Opera Plaza Cinemas

801 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco (415)352-0810
● **Billy Elliot** (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:20, 9:50
● **In the Mood for Love** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:40
● **The Taste of Others** (Le Gout des Autres) (NR) 1:20, 4:20, 7:10, 9:35

Red Vic

1277 Haight Street, San Francisco (415)668-3994
● **Requiem for a Dream** (NR) 7:15, 9:15

Roxie

3117 North Street, San Francisco (415)663-1087
● **Gypsy Story** (NR) 7:00, 9:15

Sony Metreon

101 4th Street, San Francisco (415)359-6200
● **Along Came a Spider** (R) 11:40 a.m., 2:20, 5:00, 8:30, 11:40
● **Blow** (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:50, 5:20, 8:15, 9:20, 11:10, midnight
● **The Brothers** (R) 12:20, 4:00, 7:20, 10:40
● **Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon** (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 2:30, 5:35, 10:30
● **Enemy at the Gates** (R) 11:50 a.m., 3:00, 6:20, 9:30
● **Exit Wounds** (R) 7:50, 10:30
● **Heartbreakers** (PG-13) 12:50, 3:30, 6:50, 10:10
● **Just Visiting** (NR) noon, 2:10, 6:00, 8:30, 11:30
● **Pokemon** (G) 11:10 a.m., 12:10, 1:40, 2:40, 4:40, 5:10, 7:00

Someone Like You

● **Someone Like You** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10, 9:50, 10:50
● **Spy Kids** (PG) 10:50 a.m., 12:30, 1:20, 3:10, 4:20, 5:40, 7:15, 9:40
● **The Tallar of Panama** (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:40, 10:40
● **Tomcat** (R) 1:10, 3:50, 7:30, 10:30
● **Traffic** (R) 11:30 a.m., 3:20, 6:40, 10:00

Sony Metreon IMAX

101 4th Street, San Francisco (415)359-6200
● **All Across Front Row: Backstage Live** (NR) 2:00, 8:30, 10:30, 12:15 a.m.
● **Cirque Du Soleil - Journey of Man** (G) noon
● **Cyberworld** (G) 10:30 a.m.
● **Haunted Castle** (NR) 4:00

UA Galaxy

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● **The Brothers** (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:30, 7:00, 9:30
● **Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon** (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:30, 7:00, 9:45
● **Exit Wounds** (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 7:15, 10:00
● **Someone Like You** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 7:30, 10:00

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. The reviewers are Vera H-C Chan and Mary F. Pols, Times; Ted Anthony, Robert W. Butler, and Desmond Ryan, Knight Ridder Newspapers; Anthony Breznican, Matt Crenson, David Germain, Chris Grygiel, Christy Lemire, Sheila Norman-Oulp, Malcolm Ritter, Bob Thomas and Matt Wolf, Associated Press; John Anderson, Bob Heisler and Gene Seymour, Newsday; Lawrence Van Gelder, Stephen Holden, Dave Kehr, Elvis Mitchell and A.O. Scott, New York Times; Jack Matthews, New York Daily News; Bob Strauss and Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News; Kenneth Turan and Kevin Thomas, Los

Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

Children

The City of El Cerrito, offers special programs for children from 22 months to five years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Mosser Lane. For more information, call Judie, 215-4371.

LGBO Parent and Prospective Parent Groups meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560 classes.

The Ann Martin Children's Center offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821

Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley's public science museum and center for K-12 science and math education offers three residential summer science camps, including two camps held at actual University of California field research stations; and three Sierra backpacking summer science camps. Each camp emphasizes fun outdoor science explorations through hands-on, inquiry-based activities, as well as lots of traditional camp fun. Each camp has a unique theme, and is designed for a specific age group. Call 642-2275 or e-mail to: lshinfo@ucclink.berkeley.edu. To register, call 642-5134.

"Theater Rats," Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

Health

Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

YWCA Health and Community Education; drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10

Community

Berkeley Farmers' Market presents Family Farm Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 21 at Center St. and Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. The event is a complementary event to Earth Day Berkeley, held in Civic Center Park. The Family Farm Day is co-sponsored by the Ecology Center, Berkeley Farmers' Market, and the Community Alliance with Family Farmers. The event is free and wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 548-3333.

North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst at MLK Jr. Way, presents income tax help through April 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Call Maggie, 644-6107 to schedule appointments.

Archway School hosts "A Little Houseboat Music" from 3 to 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 8 at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. (at Gilman). The event is a benefit for Annie Clark, teacher at Archway School. Clark's houseboat, possessions and two dogs were destroyed in a fire last February. Annie received serious burns. She and her partner escaped but suffered from emotional trauma. The concert features the

Michael James Quartet, Rhythm and Blues, and Latin Sounds. Archway students will also present music, dance, and magic. Tickets: \$10. Donations much appreciated. Make checks payable to Annie Clark Cribbank Account. For more information, call Melissa, 547-4747, or Carol, 547-4843.

Easy Going Travel Shop and Bookstore, 1385 Shattuck Ave. at Rose, presents a free demonstration using techniques from Judith Gifford's book "The Packing Book: Secrets of the Carry-On Traveler," at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17. Staff person Julie Lavezzo demonstrates how to pack for three weeks, two climates, in one manageable carry-on bag. For more information, call 843-3533.

Dog and puppy temporary foster homes urgently needed. Shelters overcrowded, situation desperate. Call Hopalong Animal Rescue today, 530-5154.

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine Ph.D. has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370 for additional information.

Marion Rosen, founder of Rosen Method bodywork and movement, presents the Method through lecture, demonstration, and experimental practice. Rosen is joined in the presentation by Sara Webb, Senior Teacher of Rosen Method bodywork. Location: Feldenkrais Resources, 830 Bancroft Way. Admission: \$10. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Abby Paige, at 845-6806.

Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. To register, or for more information, call the Office of Emergency Services, 644-8736.

Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC-Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on Alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. For additional information call 642-0808.

Overseas Anonymous meet Fridays at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For further information, call Katherine at 525-5231.

Toastmasters, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

Civil Rights activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

"Work Buddies", volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

Psychic Healing clinic; 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 1-800-642-9355.

SMART project; the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

The Edible Schoolyard, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

English-In-Action lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, at Berkeley. Call 843-9716.

Women's Daytime Drop-in Center in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming home-

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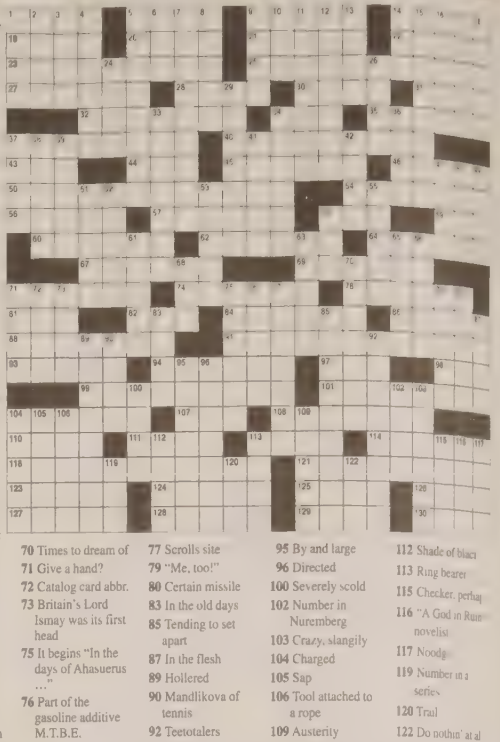
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11 Hospital gizmo
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15 His March 1952 marriage was big news
16 "We'll ____ there to greet her" (old song lyric)
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68 Fragile decoration



less, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5663.

Exhibits

The Cecile Moenchek Gallery, 1809 D Fourth St., presents an exhibition entitled "Spring Returning," through April 8. The exhibit features new works by painters Anne Hunter Hamilton and Michael Shemchuk. Gallery hours: Noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. For more information, call 549-1018.

UC Berkeley Art Museum continues its installation by Brazilian artist Ernesto Neto through April 15. Neto creates sensual sculptural works that provoke viewers to interact. For this exhibition, his first solo museum exhibition on the West Coast, Neto creates a site-specific installation in the Phyllis Watts Matrix Gallery that deals in themes of sensuality and touch. Call 642-0808 for more information.

The Albany Arts Committee announces the opening of a new exhibit, "Three-

Ply," tapestries by local artist Care Standley. This selection of tapestries embraces the complexity and subtleties involved in creating textiles woven on a loom. The exhibit is on display through May 24 at the Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Call 524-9283 for more information.

The City of El Cerrito presents Open Clay Studio ongoing classes on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Experience with clay is helpful, but not necessary. Opportunities will be provided for students to explore areas of clay work. Demonstrations and instruction will be provided on requests. Admission: \$7.50 residents, \$9.38 nonresidents. The location: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Boulevard. For more information, call Jude at 215-4371.

Alta Bates Medical Center presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for additional information.

New Places Gallery is located on Solano Avenue. New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

Literary Events

North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst, presents Berkeley author Dorothy Bryant at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 10. Bryant reads from her book "Seeds of Fiction and Drama." Refreshments will follow. For more information, call Maggie or Suzanne, 644-6107.

The Reading Edge is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2121 Alston Way. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after

that, reservations are needed. Call the Reference Desk at 644-6648 to set up a training session.

Meetings

Berkeley Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For more information, call Don, 525-3565.

Kensington Senior Activity Center meets from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The West Contra Costa Adult school and community volunteers present the Center's program of life-long learning. Attend any class or event. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Volunteers of all ages are needed. Call 528-9146 or 547-1969 for more information.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 25 meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The evening begins with a no host dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at

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Albany artist keeps his day job as he tries to make a 'name' for himself

Artist John Hoft was delighted when Fan Albritton wanted to do a show of his work in her Berkeley antique shop. However, she wanted landscapes, and he has been doing more abstract work of late. However, he retired from the outside world for three months, only going to his favorite spots — Tilden Park, the Albany waterfront, and a few other of the many scenic places around here. He envisioned his painting, then took pictures of the site. Returning home, he painted from the pictures. (Hoft says he has always been an "inside" painter.)

Three months later, he had 24 paintings ready for the exhibit. So well received were they that seven of them were purchased on opening night. More of them have sold since. And the exhibit is continuing until April 11.

Fan Albritton's shop, located at 1979 Ashby Ave., in Berkeley, is small, but the exhibit is lovely. His acquaintance with Albritton is interesting. Being a "starving

Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

artist" who must make money, Hoft also paints signs. Albritton wanted an antique sign. While he worked on that, he noticed that she favored old paintings. So he painted an "old" painting. He also did some copying, mostly of old California art. And she sold some of them. "We weren't trying to fool anybody," he says, "and we didn't." But he soon tired of that and returned to his own painting. That was when the idea of a show of his work came to her.

Hoft paints on canvas boards which he makes himself. His recent work has included painting with colored plaster, which produces some amazing art. One piece, which faced me as we talked, looks like a very old wall. By the time I had looked at it for some time, I wanted to take it home with me.

I interviewed Hoft in his Albany home and was delighted with it. The walls are covered with his art, including an airship which was part of a very interesting mural he painted and is now holding for the owner. The "wall" is the most recent piece, and one can trace his "periods" of style in his living room and in his studio — a very small space, but very efficient.

Brought up in Milwaukee, Hoft attended Layton School of Art there ("we did some pretty modern stuff"). He majored in printmaking and was taken under the wing of a well-established artist in that field. But when he finished, he could not afford the equipment that was necessary for print making.

After that he moved about, pretty much all over the country. For about 10 years, he and his then-wife and 3-1/2-year-old son lived in an artists' commune, The Pulpit Rock Commune, in Connecticut. He painted in barns and

peoples' outbuildings. At one point, he was invited to "do something" with a 300-year-old farmhouse. His stories of how he found the materials and of the four years he spent working on it are delightful.

He went to Chicago and says he has had four shows there, which, though well-received, brought him few sales and no "name." And still, he sighs, he has no "name" as an artist. How does one get a name? One goes to the right art school, and networks with teachers and fellow students. And he explained how it is done.

It was when he and his wife decided to split that he came West, moving first to Emeryville, then Berkeley, living in several places (one of which he found on the bulletin board of the old Co-op) before landing in Albany. He couldn't find work, so he did odd jobs for landlords, etc. At one point, he heard someone was looking for someone to paint caviar for a pack-

ing plant. He and the owner had lunch, liked each other, and the owner offered him a job as manager. "I don't know anything about caviar," he'd said. "No one knows anything about caviar," was the response. He worked there for a year, after which (since the owner didn't know how to run a business) it was sold.

By that time, John had met people and had several odd jobs. "But it was nice to have some money." He fixed things, painted things, met a woman and had a girl friend. And he started to do murals, painting some in Oakland, Richmond and Vallejo. He even did a mural for Club Muse in Albany. He also did sign painting ("That's not creative, but a man's got to make some money"). He also does special painting of walls and ceilings in homes.

He is married to Sharon Shafra, who works for a deaf and disabled program and is in charge

of a telephone program. Sounds interesting. So he lives in a small house in Albany (small, but it has all sorts of unexpected little rooms) with Sharon and two dogs, one getting very old, one young and playful. He enjoys his work and loves his art, being charmed by his work with colored plaster as well as other painting. He is, of course, delighted with his show in Fan Albritton's antique store, and she is equally enthusiastic about it.

Fan's store is located on Ashby between Martin Luther King and Adeline streets and, as noted, the show of John Hoft's landscapes will continue to April 11. Her telephone number is 510-644-3025.

I thank Fan Albritton for calling me about John Hoft. And I invite all of you to give me your input: interesting people, events, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 525-4585. My e-mail is crgensen@aol.com

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2068 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m. at 1931 Center St., the Veterans Memorial Building. Price: \$3. Women who have had relatives in the US Military are invited to attend and join the auxiliary. For more information, call R. DeRiti, Cmdr. D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-372-8364.

The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public and the great variety of workshops held every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

The Berkeley Avatar Metaphysics Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., at 2515 Hillegass Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For more information, call 869-2547 or 643-7645.

Berkeley Toastmasters Club meet monthly, on the first and third Thursdays at 2515 Hillegass Ave. The group specializes in developing its communication and public speaking skills in the field of metaphysics. The group also learn from each other through short speeches. Call Odette Lardie at 869-2547 or 643-7645.

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Speak Smart! Join Beijing Express Toastmasters. The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

Toastmasters Meeting: Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Berkeley. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

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Joy of Yiddish: Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information. The Berkeley Communicators Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 524-3765.

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Dr. Brian Kaye, a rheumatologist, has treated many patients with various types of arthritis and will be available for questions. For additional information call 204-4503.

Toastmasters on Campus meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.

Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together at Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call 869-2547 for details.

"Voices of Healing" is a group exploring the psychological and spiritual dimensions of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for more information.

State Health Toastmasters Club meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

Higher Alignment, 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars are

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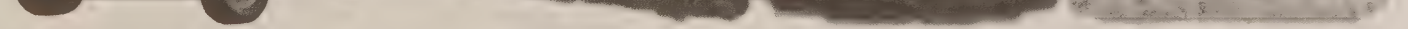
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... Group meets the second Tues-
... every month, 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-
... Call for additional special events.

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... meetings in Berkeley

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... at St. John's Church,

... Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hos-
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... For further information, call
... 273-9222

... 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds
... Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at

... 233-2948 or
... 525-6558

Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center and
... Bay Neurology sponsors a free

... stroke support group. No ad-
... reservations are required, drop-in

... time. The group meets the first
... of each month from 4 p.m. to

... in the Mattie Auditorium on Her-
... Campus, 2001 Dwight way, Berke-

... Details: 204-4503

Music

La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck
... presents the group Tamazgha

... performing Berber dance and trance
... at 9 p.m. on Saturday, April 14.

... The group brings both traditional songs
... and new material. The name

... "Tamazgha" refers to the homeland of
... the Berbers, the indigenous peoples of

... North Africa, whose land extends from
... Morocco to Egypt and from Algeria to

... Egypt. Admission \$10. Call 849-2568
... for more information.

Phonemus Symphony Orchestra pre-
... sents a spring concert at 3 p.m. Sun-

... day at 3 p.m. at Saint Ambrose Church,
... 1145 Gilman. The concert features vi-

... olinist Glenn Twiby, a winner of the an-
... nual Falc Khmer Concerto Competi-

... tion, performing Beethoven's Romance
... in F and Bruckner's Sixth Symphony.

... Admission is free; donations are ac-
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447-3659.

UC Berkeley Cal Performances presents
... flamenco guitarist Paco de Lucia and the

... Paco de Lucia Septet at 8 p.m. on Friday
... and Saturday, April 13 and 14, at 101

... Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley. De Lucia
... draws from the musical traditions of

... Spanish, Gypsy, Sephardic and Muslim
... cultures. He fuses traditional Gypsy-in-

... spired folk music with his Andalusian home-
... land with jazz-inspired improvisation and

... Caribbean beat. Admission: \$20, \$30 and
... \$40. Tickets are available through the Cal

... Performances ticket office at Zellerbach
... Hall. For more information or to charge

... by phone, call 642-9988

Berkeley Symphony Orchestra presents
... "Under Construction No. 11," a concert

... of new works by local composers, at:
... 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 8, at St. John's

... Presbyterian Church, 2322 Shattuck
... Ave. The concert concludes with a

... reading of the first and third move-
... ments from Different Worlds of Sound,

... Concerto for percussion, and Orchestra
... by David Sheinfeld; the soloist is the

... Berkeley Symphony principal percus-
... sionist, Ward Spangler. The concert

... and the reception are free. Call 841-
... 2800 for more information.

The Masqueurs Playhouse, 105 Park
... Place, presents the jazz musical "Archy

... and Mehtabell" through May 12. Cur-
... tain: 8 p.m. Matinees 2:30 p.m. Archy,

... the cockroach who wants to be a poet,
... writes in the newspaper office at night,

... one letter at a time, by diving headfirst
... onto the keys of a typewriter. He writes

... of many things, but most of all, he tells
... the story of his friend Mehtabell, the

... Queen of the Alley Cats. Sunday Matinees:
... April 8, 22, 29, May 6. Tickets:

... \$14. Call 232-4031 24-hour hotline for
... reservations.

The Lenten Organ Recital Series contin-
... ues at 7 p.m. each Friday through April

... 13 at the First Presbyterian Church of
... Berkeley, 2407 Dana. Admission and

... parking are free. Reception follows
... each recital, except on Good Friday.

... For more information, call 848-8242 or
... www.fpcberkeley.org.

First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley,
... 2407 Dana St., presents its eighth an-

... nual Lenten Organ Recital Series at 7
... p.m. through April 13. Free admission.

... April 6, Angela Kraft Cross, organist;
... and April 13, John R. S. Walko, Organ-

ist. Free-will donations will benefit the
organ fund and this series. Reception

follows each recital. Visit www.fpcberkeley.org for details of each concert.

The Distaff Singers, an established East
... Bay Women's chorus, is seeking new

... members. No auditions required. Just a
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... ages welcome.

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., pre-
... sents Grateful Dead DJ night with Dig-

... ital Dave and Jazz Z.D. on Thursday
... nights from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets

... are \$4. Call 594-1400 for additional in-
... formation.

Friday Night Folk Dancing: 8 p.m. - 11
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... sary - all ages welcome. Albany YMCA,

... 901 Kains Ave.; \$4; call 525-1542

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Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Ban-
... croft Way, offers "Scrubble Time," a

... technique that helps participants under-
... stand themselves and to find focus. The

... group meets on Tuesdays by appoint-
... ments and is free to YWCA members

... Call 848-6370 for additional information,
... leave a message for Anne Levine.

East Bay Regional Park Botanical Gar-
... den Tilden Park, presents regular tours,

... seven days a week. Week days 8:30
... a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays

... 2 p.m. Special tours by appointment

Call 841-8732. For a schedule of up-
coming classes call 925-820-1021

Support

PediatricCare seeks volunteers to facili-
... tate a bereavement support group for

... children or to be a "buddy" for a sick
... child. Informational meeting takes place

... on Monday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. at 2540
... Charleston St., Oakland. Next training

... begins in August. Call 531-7551

Adult Survivors of Incest, a local support
... group in the east bay is being formed

... The group will gather for healing dis-
... cussions and also various activities, in-

... cluding hiking, dancing, classic film
... watching, traveling, or any fun activity.

... Interested participants, call Attica Peece
... at 625-1698. Feel free to leave a mes-

... sage

The pain and grief associated with the
... death of a loved one can often feel

... overwhelming — especially during the
... holidays. Many people suffer isolation.

... The grief counseling project is here to
... help. No one is turned away for lack of

... money. Call 889-1104

"The Grief Care Community" offers 8-
... week bereavement support groups as

... well as art therapy group groups, and in-
... dividual support. Call 540-0830 for ad-

... ditional information

The local self-help group for Berkeley
... National Multiple Sclerosis Society

... meets periodically. Call Tom at 653-
... 4534 for additional information

Alta Bates Medical Center-Herrick Cam-
... pus offers a guided relaxation and vi-

... sualization for people with cancer every
... Thursday, 5-6 p.m. at its Comprehensive

... Cancer Center, first floor Confer-
... ence Room, 2001 Dwight Way. The

... Center offers this solution with an in-
... novative approach to reducing stress

... and anxiety and creating positive, life-affirm-
... ing images. Call 204-1811 for additional

... information

Alta Bates Medical Center, offers a Grief
... Education Class every third Saturday

... of each month, 10 a.m. to noon at ABMC
... Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. The

... class covers common and personal
... grief reactions. Fee: \$10. No one re-

... fused due to inability to pay. For further
... information, contact 841-2930

Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight
... Way, offers support group classes for

... stroke survivors and their families and

friends on the first Tuesday of the
month, from 4-5 p.m. at the Herrick

Campus of Alta Bates Medical Center
... There is no admission charge and ad-

... vance registration is not necessary. Call
... 204-4503 for additional information

The Comprehensive Cancer Center and
... Breast Center Salon, Alta Bates Medical

... Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers a sup-
... port group for friends and families cop-

... ing with cancer. The support group is
... offered on the second and fourth Tues-

... day of each month. This is a free ser-
... vice. Call 204-1811 for additional in-

... formation

The Lupus Foundation of Northern Cali-
... fornia is still accepting applications for

... its Youth Pilot Support Program cur-
... rently underway at Lucille Packard Chil-

... dren's Hospital at Stanford. The group
... meets monthly and is open to teens

... suffering from lupus and other
... rheumatic diseases. For more infor-

... mation, call (408) 954-8600 or visit
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The North Berkeley Senior Center is also
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The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Edu-
... cation group presents Dorothea

... Dorenz, a state certified massage and
... movement therapist, who teaches self-

... healing methods. Bring a small pillow,
... and wear loose, comfortable clothing.

... For directions or more information, call
... 204-4503

Lecture/Workshop

Barnes and Noble Book Store, 2352
... Shattuck Ave., presents "The New Now

... Now New Millennium Turn-On Anthology
... 2001 to 3000 and Beyond" book signing

... and party featuring poets Jack and
... Adelle Foley, H.D. Moe, Mary Rudge,

... Jerry Bass and Alexandra Yurkousky
... The event features singing, strumming,

... humming and individuals declaiming
... their poems. Admission is free. For more

... information, call 644-0861 for additional
... information.

The Bancroft Library at UC Berkeley pre-
... sents a free two-day symposium on the

Free Speech Movement featuring panel
discussions with nationally recognized

scholars and activists. The event takes
... place 8 to 10 p.m. on Friday, April 13,

... and 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday
... April 14 in the Sibley Auditorium, Bech-

... tel Engineering Center, and Maude Fife
... Room, Wheeler Auditorium. Call 642-

... 3782 by April 10 to reserve seats. For
... more information, call 642-3781

Malcolm Margolin, Berkeley author and
... publisher of the Bay Nature, will give a

... free slide lecture celebrating the spirit
... and seasons of the Bay Area natural

... world at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, at
... Recreational Equipment, Inc. 1338 San

... Pablo Ave. Learn what life was like for
... Native Americans in the Bay Area 200

... years ago. For more information, con-
... tact REI at 527-4140

Tel Chi Chuan and Chi-Kung classes take
... place at Berkeley Untanun Church at 7

... p.m. on Wednesday evenings and 9
... a.m. Saturday mornings at Berkeley Fel-

... lowship of Untanun Universalists, 1924
... Cedar St. People of all ages and phys-

... ical conditions are welcome to practice
... Donation: \$65. To sign up call 268-4995

The YWCA offers free orientations of its
... Turning Point Career Center. The ori-

... entations outline the resources available
... to the public as well as the different things

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"What Is Meditation," is a peaceful and
... practical introduction to the basics of

... meditation. The free seminar takes
... place at Barnes and Noble Bookstore,

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Religion

"Voices of Healing" is a group exploring the spiritual dimensions of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m., in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for more information.

Theater, Dance & Film

Actors Ensemble of Berkeley presents Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman," at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 6. This classic is performed Friday and Saturday evenings through May 5 and one Thursday, May 3. The play is directed by John Dahlin, who has staged "Prelude to a Kiss," "To Kill a Mockingbird," and "Angie Street." Cast includes Eric Abrams, Patricia Lukulu Binaisa, Lindsey Margaret Clark, Brandy Evans, William Hunter, J. Cary Irving, David Jones, Andy Spence, Lynn S. Bruce Williams and Eural Willis. Admission: \$10. Call 528-5620 for reservations or more information.

The UC Alumni Chorus presents the opera "Bravo, Opera!" at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 8, at UC Berkeley, Hertz Hall. The program includes Bizet's "Carmen," Verdi's "Il trovatore," and Copland's "The Tenderland." Tickets: \$12 general admission; \$8 for students and seniors. To order tickets or for more information, call the UC Choral Ensembles, 643-9645.

The Pacific Film Archive offers a course in film history "Film 50: History of Cinema," 3 to 6 p.m. through May 2. Call 642-5249 for more information.

Learn easy international folk dances, fun for all ages at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. No experience necessary. Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. Admission: Adults \$2 and \$1 for kids. For more information, call 525-1130.

Family Folkdancing takes place on the third Sundays, 1:20-3 p.m. at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Instructor: Denise Schultz Weiss. Bring your feet and a spirit of fun. No experience necessary. An opportunity for families to dance and laugh together. Drop in for good fun and exercise. All ages welcome. Drop-in class, no registration needed. Adults \$3, children \$2. Call 632-3713 for additional information.

Swing Dance Classes! Learn East coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael and Persephone of Shagtime Dance Instruction, on Mondays at the Work Studio, 2566 Telegraph Ave. Beginning Lindy Hop runs 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. East Coast Swing from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and beginning Lindy Hop 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, at The Beat, 2560 Ninth St. Classes run as a monthly series. For more information, call Michael Marangio at 528-7858.

Classes

Folkdance classes, Mondays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 53 Arlington Ave. (across from the Kensington Library). Simple and clear lessons for people of all levels. Emphasis is good music and fun. Cost: \$30 for 6-week session (pro-rated fees apply), \$8 for drop in.

session. For more information, call Mel Harle, at 848-5289 before 9 p.m.
Vista Community College, 2020 Millita St., offers its new Sunnyside College this spring with classes in accounting, e-commerce, business, Java programming, English, ESL, statistics and Spanish for business professionals. Classes start at 7 a.m. and end at 9 a.m. Call 981-2800 for more information.

Assets Senior Employment offers a job training program for income-eligible people 55 and older living in Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany. Earn when you learn. Interested in working with children? You can receive college credit in Early Childhood Development while being paid. Class starts soon. Call 238-3554 for more information.

The Albany YMCA offers after school classes for elementary and middle school age children. The YMCA offers sports and dance programs, gymnastics and Hip Hop and enrichment programs such as cooking, sewing and art. Financial assistance always available. For more information, call 525-1130.

Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., offers a family-friendly program of classes, workshops and activities taught by professional teaching artists, all aimed at bringing art participation into people's everyday lives. Classes take place at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts. For more information, including complete class descriptions, fees, and instructor bios, see www.juliamorgan.org or call 845-8542 for a brochure.

The Berkeley Adult School (BAS) offers Adult Basic Education classes, High School Diploma Requirement classes, General Educational Development Preparation classes which can be utilized to earn a GED certificate, and Preparation for US Citizenship classes. The classes are free. BAS also offers, for an affordable fee, a variety of vocational classes and computer classes, ranging from introduction to Computers to Advanced Computer Applications. Call 644-6130 for additional information.

The South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St., offers a variety of classes. For additional information and class scheduling, call 863-5222.

Interview Clinics sponsored by Turning Point Center at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, are held on Monday mornings from 9-11 by appointment. 30-minute sessions are \$15 for YWCA members and \$20 for non-members. Call the Center at 848-6370 and leave a message to reserve an appointment time. Be sure to leave a name and telephone number.

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, presents Scribble Time on Tuesdays, by appointment. The class is free to YWCA members. This technique is designed to help individuals understand themselves better. Call 848-6370 for additional information. Leave a message for Anne Levine.

The Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., presents an introductory class for the home fruit grower. Proper pruning increases the flavor and size of fruit, as well as preserves the health and longevity of the tree. There will also be a demonstration of various pruning tools. The class is taught by Greg Peck, owner of an organic landscape and garden design business in the East Bay. Cost is \$10 for nonmembers; \$7.50 for members. Call 548-2220 to reserve a space.

The van der Zanden Studio, 1025 Carleton, No. 9, offers sculpture classes. All levels.

Call 843-9445 for additional information.

A CopWatch class takes place every Monday night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 2022 Blake St. near Shattuck. Know your rights. The classes are free. Call 548-0425 for additional information.

Berkeley Community Media (BCM), Channel 25, offers affordable classes in video production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to introduce BCM to the public are held on Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 2239 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. For more information call 848-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage.

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers many dances classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalarjaji Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. The Ashkenaz is a nonprofit music and dance community center. Call 525-5054 for additional information.

Life Stories/College and Ceramics classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Teachers are Diana Bohn and Judith Carroll. Call 845-6830 for additional information.

Contemporary Women's Issues class is forming at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. Free class offered by the Berkeley Adult School, taught by Judith Carroll, MFCC. Friday mornings 10 a.m. to noon. Open to all women 55 or older. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

Dance and Fitness Classes open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, bellydance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theatre dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

Let's Swing and Jitterbug: 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate, four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four

classes

Volunteers

PediatricCare provides on-going support groups for families coping with illness, grief or loss within the family. Groups meet weekly evenings in Oakland and Walnut Creek. Fees are on a sliding scale. Call PediatricCare at 531-7551 for more information.

The Alcohol Research Group (ARG) is conducting a study, funded by a grant from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). The goal of the study is to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. The study is called the SMART Project. Interested parties may call 1-868-249-8802 for more information.

The Crisis Support Services of Alameda County needs volunteers to provide telephone crisis intervention. The agency needs motivated committed people to serve its 24-hour crisis lines. No prior experience required. Excellent training provided. Call 848-1515 for more information.

Volunteers are needed at the Alameda County Community Food Bank to staff emergency food referral service, the Hunger Hotline. Shifts are available on Monday and Tuesday mornings, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Call volunteer coordinator Mary Schoen at 834-FOOD for more information and a current volunteer newsletter.

Contra Costa County Volunteers in Probation are continually seeking dependable volunteers, 21 years plus, who want to spend time with youth on probation. Training will be provided and screening of all applicants is required by the Probation Department. If you are interested, call Kat Thompson, Director of Volunteers in Probation 925-313-4187 or email kmthompson@hotmail.com.

The City of Albany Recreation and Community Services Department is seeking experienced fitness instructors in many areas of exercise and training, including Tiny tot

tumbling, rompergym, acrobatics, youth dance, adult aerobics and yoga. If you have experience and have taught contact Recreation supervisor, John Medlock at 524-9283 or come by the Albany Community center at 1249 Marin avenue for an instructor application.

UC Botanical Garden is looking for volunteers who are interested in plants and who would like to learn how to give tours of the Garden. Knowledge of plants is useful, but not required, and prior teaching experience is also helpful, but not essential. Principal qualifications are to like plants and to enjoy people. The training teaches about the Garden and how to lead tours. Call 643-11924 for more information and an application.

The Richmond Public Library seeks Internet Docents to teach Internet skills and to provide hands-on assistance to library patrons. Volunteers are needed for the main library Adult Department, the Children's Department, and the Bayview or West Side branch libraries. Volunteers agree to work with the public for at least one three hour slot per week for a three month period. Solid Internet skills, including knowledge of Netscape Navigator, Internet Explorer and the ability to use two search engines well are required. Applications are available at the information desk at the main library or at the two branches. For more information, call 620-6561.

Women's Daytime Drop-in Center in Berkeley needs volunteers. The center serves women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 548-6933.

Volunteers needed at Good Stuff Thrift Shop in El Cerrito. A fun, friendly place to work, all proceeds benefit developmentally disabled children and adults. Call 528-9455 for additional information.

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Drive, She Said

By Denise McCluggage

Safety progresses, humans still remain vulnerable

As we edge into the second century of automotive mobility, consider the three elements of highway safety: the vehicle, the highway and the driver. Of these three, the least progress has been made in the driver.

Cars are padded, airbagged, structurally reinforced and engineered to crumple progressively, thus absorbing the destructive energy that might rip at flesh and bone. Tires and suspensions have improved enormously just in the last two decades. Structural integrity is greater. Glass is designed to yield and break free, rather than shatter and sever. Traction control systems and anti-lock brakes bestow a degree of driving control on even the hampered, clod-footed and clueless.

Many highways are multi-laned with limited access, proving to be much safer. Roads have been curved back on themselves with ends buried in the earth; grades are within calculated limits. Even road surfaces offer more traction in winter. Signage and lighting have been studied and improved.

What remains to be done, particularly on highways, "Death corridors" remain overcrowded and underfunded have stretches of two-lane highway as daily routes to be run. More is yet to be learned about what constitutes a safe highway and much that is known has not yet



MOTOR MATTI

VW JETTA'S HIGH PERFORMANCE design and sports suspension make it a match for cars costing \$5,000-\$10,000 more.

Volkswagen Jetta's German engineering hard to define

■ Solidly built body creates high torsional rigidity

Something about German engineering is distinctly different from that of other car manufacturers, yet it is very hard to define. Case in point: the 2001 Volkswagen Jetta.

The Jetta is a solidly built compact sedan that offers many of the comforts expected in higher-priced automobiles — including German-made cars — but the Jetta is more

reasonably priced. This vehicle is available in three trim levels — GL, GLS and GLX — ranging in price from \$16,700 to \$24,300 base, plus a few options. The top-of-the-line GLX that I drove would match up favorably against other sedans costing \$5,000 to \$10,000 more.

The GLX comes loaded with amenities such as leather seats and sun roof. The

Keane on Wheels

By Tom Keane

stylish 17-inch alloy wheels and sport suspension were options, but it is the safety equipment coming later in the 2001 model year that should be mentioned in this report.

What's coming is a highly advanced side-impact safety system called Side Curtain Protection. Such systems are available on more expensive cars, but not on com-


pacts. This system deploys a protective curtain of air from the rear pillar expanding across both windows. Current safety features include front and side airbags, seat-belt pretensioners and tethers for securing children's seats. The Jetta also has anti-lock brakes and daytime running lights.

For me, the real safety features come from what I refer to as "German engineering." The Jetta, with its sport suspension,

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Drive

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been widely applied.

Still, drivers have changed little since they had to muscle a crank to start an engine. No longer duster-clad, they are still largely duster-minded. Many even do not avail themselves of the safety measures provided them. Many refuse or neglect to fasten their seat belts. Though in the past year much was made of the disastrous tire failures which precipitated fatal crashes, few news reports noted how many of the victims were properly belted. Most were not. Few reports pointed out that in the crash that killed Princess Diana the only belted person in the car was the only survivor.

Maybe the automotive designers and highway engineers have done their jobs too well.

As drivers, we are cocooned in a comfortable space much removed from any sensation of what we are doing.

What we are doing is moving through space at an amazing rate of speed. (Merely stopping short at that rate would be enough to fatally scramble our brains.)

We are removed from the feel of wind and largely even from its sound.

We are rolling over an earth smoothed by a deep sandwich of impacted dirt, large-to-smaller rock graduated to pebbles and then pavement.

Even a roadway roughened by use and limited repair feels smoother than it is, thanks to modern suspension systems.

During a walk you can hurt yourself by bumping into a sliding glass door you didn't notice was closed, or colliding with another walker suddenly appearing around a corner. Hey, the forehead is bruised, the shoulder hurts.

Imagine what damage could occur with such casual coming together at greater speeds at a run, on a bicycle, or in a car on a highway.

My question is this: Since you are the one moving quickly in close proximity with others moving at a similar rate, are you willing to leave all the responsibility of your safety to the designers of the car you are in and the highway you are on?

Yes, you have recourses. The courts are always there. But whatever the cause of a crash, you are the one with something more than a bruised forehead or aching shoulder. Take some responsibility.

■ Is your car well-cared for? See that it is; rubber hoses are resilient and firmly attached.

Fluids (oil, water, windshield washer) topped up. Wheels properly aligned.

■ Do you know how to use your anti-lock brakes? Land on them hard; stay on them firmly.

No easing up. Ignore any grating noise or vibration against your foot. That's a sign they're working.

■ What do you know about your tires? Are they abnormally worn? If they are, correct the cause. Are they properly inflated?

Probably not, few are. Check them visually every day and at least once a week with an accurate tire gauge.

■ Is everyone in the car properly belted? Even for short trips, insist that they are, protecting not only them, but all the others in the car. Loose objects, such as unbuckled people, are dangerous projectiles in a collision.

■ How much do you really know about driving? That's the subject next time: What makes a good driver?

'64 Jaguar S-Type finds new home across the pond

Between 1963 and 1968 a total of 15,065 S-Type Jaguars were manufactured.

On July 6, 1964, almost 35 years ago, an opalescent dark-green model equipped with a 3.8-liter, six-cylinder engine rolled out the factory door.

According to Jaguar records, the 1964 S-Type was dispatched to Henly's Dealership in London on Aug. 8, 1964, with a suggested price of about \$4,200.

A month later, the Jaguar had found a home. The owner drove it home to Bogner Regis on Sept. 4, 1964, where it served faithfully for 19 years.

A neighbor became the second owner on Sept. 1, 1983, but kept the car only five months.

On Jan. 29, 1984, a woman from Keston then purchased the Jaguar.

The fourth owner took the car to Southport on May 30, 1989. Eight months later, the fifth owner drove it home to Merseyside and began restorative efforts.

In 1994, an American entered the scene. Mark Cronin's job took him to England for a three-year stay.

He and his wife, Peggy, were enjoying their new surroundings and purchased a 1970 Jaguar XJ6 in order to see the sights.

Cronin had every intention of shipping his XJ6 back to the United States when the time came, until he ran head-on into archaic restrictions established by bureaucrats.

Consequently, Cronin sold the 1970 Jaguar and began shopping around Great Britain for an older model that could be imported into the United States with far less governmental hassle.

In the spring of 1996, Cronin learned that the 1964 Jaguar S-Type in Merseyside was for sale.

After talking with the owner via telephone, they agreed to meet at a Burger King (of all places), about halfway between their homes.

The car looked pretty good to Cronin, but since he was new to Jaguarland, he asked the owner to return home and have a mechanic go over the car and report the results.

The deed was done, and the very few defects that were uncovered were corrected by the owner.

Cronin then agreed to purchase the car.

Again the two parties met at the rest stop. They celebrated the change of ownership with an atypical English feast — Whopper sandwiches, French fries and Cokes.



ONE OF THE FIRST 2,000 JAGUAR S-Types ever built features a 3.8-liter, six cylinder engine with two valves per cylinder, producing 174 horsepower. This model features right-hand drive, a push-button starter, and a manual four-speed transmission with an overdrive. At 35 years old, the owner believes the car could come close to the 140-mph speed indicated by the speedometer.

As the sixth owner of the Jaguar, Cronin fired up the 3.8-liter, six-cylinder engine; from the sound, he could tell the two valves per cylinder were functioning properly.

Cronin then drove his five-seat saloon home with 220 horsepower at his command. The odometer had recorded 106,000 miles.

On the drive home, the new owner noticed through the steering wheel a 140-mph speedometer.

"I suppose the Jag could come close to it," is all he says.

He discovered the car had never been abused and over the years had been maintained rather than restored.

It has been repainted twice, both times in the original opalescent green.

Likewise, the green suede leather upholstery had been redone shortly

before he bought the car. The wood on the dashboard and window sills is original because the car had been garaged most of its 35 years.

An authentic replacement carpet now lies where the worn original served for three decades. For the next year, the Cronins enjoyed their S-Type Jaguar with a push-button starter, a manual four-speed transmission with an overdrive and — most importantly — right-hand drive.

Before the Cronins returned to the United States in June 1997, they took the Jaguar to Bristol for shipping.

Five days later, on the other side of the Atlantic, they picked it up in Baltimore.

When the car was new, it was shod with 6.40x15-inch bias-ply tires, but for better roadability, it now rolls along on 185x15 radial tires.

Cronin has learned his Jaguar was one of the first 2,000 S-Types built.

By Vern Parker

With the recent arrival of the new Jaguar S-Type, the Jaguar dealer personally displays his 35-year-old showroom next to the Jaguar.

The odometer now reads 116,000 miles, and the car runs beautifully.

That's probably why Cronin said, "parts available."

If you have an interest in "Classic Cars," write to Vern Parker, 2221 Abbottsford Drive, Vienna, VA 22188.

Keane

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has precise handling, thus, I was capable of making quick maneuvers without fear of losing control. This performance quality deals with the precise body construction that allows engineers to build a solid running car. Again, I can't define it, but the crisp feel is quite evident.

The Volkswagen people tell me they use high-tech bonding agents, laser welding and self-piercing riveting to create a body with high torsional rigidity. They also use very narrow panel gaps at the doors and flaps to assure a rigid body and a solid, one-piece appearance. Maybe that helps define German engineering.

Another feature is the quick response from the 2.8-liter V-6 engine that produces a modest 174 horsepower. My tester had a five-speed manual transmission, so I could downshift and utilize all the power I needed. Incidentally, the gear box required a little practice to get used to, but once I got in sync with the shift pattern, shifting was very pleasurable.

Other pleasures offered by the GLX are automatic climate control, traction control, trip computer, rain-sensing intermittent wipers, attractive wood decoration, self-dimming rearview mirrors, clear lens halogen headlights with fog lamps and heated windshield washer. The eight-way driver and front passenger seats are heatable and the driver's seat has three-way memory po-

sitions. There is a central locking system, and the remote keyless entry allows the key to fold within the fob for easy carrying when in a pocket or purse.

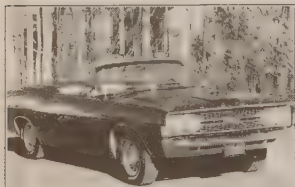
The leather-wrapped steering wheel has multifunction buttons to set cruise control or radio stations without having to take hands off the wheel. The sound system has eight speakers with the dials easy to reach and control. Again, these are features one expects on luxury cars, but not a Jetta.

The Jetta is a five-passenger, four-door sedan that has a reasonably spacious interior, considering it is a compact. It also has sufficient storage space in the trunk.

The Jetta is an eye-catcher, but the real beauty is something you can't see — it's called German engineering.

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VEHICLE TYPE	5-passenger, 4-door FWD sed
BASE PRICE	\$24,450 (as tested)
ENGINE TYPE	V-6 DOHC 256
DISPLACEMENT	174 cu in.
HORSEPOWER (net)	174 hp
TORQUE (lb-ft)	174 lb-ft
TRANSMISSION	5-speed
WHEELBASE	104 in.
TREAD (front/rear)	61.0/58.0 in.
OVERALL LENGTH	172.0 in.
OVERALL WIDTH	68.0 in.
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Men are notorious for driving places with directions. "I know it's just around this corner. Honey."

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A new device from Visteon is a boon to both men and those who are always off course.

The Portable NavMate Navigation System provides turn-by-turn navigation assistance and a color-display screen, and features turn icons, digital maps and voice directions.

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Through Global Positioning Satellite software and Visteon's unique "dead reckoning" technology, NavMate knows the location of the vehicle within 10 meters at all times, and can map the quickest way to get to the programmed destination with or without free-roaming.

Visteon engineers developed the special navigation software needed to run the on-board computer system, which includes a gyroscope and GPS receiver and CD-ROM drive.

The vehicle's current location is determined by the GPS, gyroscope speed pulse sensor and reverse sensor, which are matched against information in the database.

The Portable NavMate Navigation System gives drivers the option of moving it, as needed, between vehicles.

In just a few minutes, the driver can disconnect, reconnect and be on the way to the next destination.

Portable NavMate fits in a carrying case that includes the controller, charger and battery, GPS antenna and cord, 12-volt power cord, and the NavMate display unit.

NavMate, which is available from car dealerships nationwide, comes in two versions: the portable system or the standard in-dash-mounted system.

The suggested retail price is \$1,749 for the portable system or \$1,799 for the dash-mounted version. For more information on NavMate, phone 800-VISTEON or visit www.visteon.com.

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Aftermarket Reports

By Gary McCoy

Portable NavMate fits in a carrying case that includes the controller, charger and battery, GPS antenna and cord, 12-volt power cord, and the NavMate display unit.

Each couch is custom painted. The Cobra is available in blue, red, black or gray with sand, black or buckskin leather seating.

The Chevy is available in turquoise or black, with leather seating in sand or red; and the Mercury in cobalt blue, black or red (with or without flames), with gray, buckskin or black leather seating. Extra storage capacity is available under the armrests.

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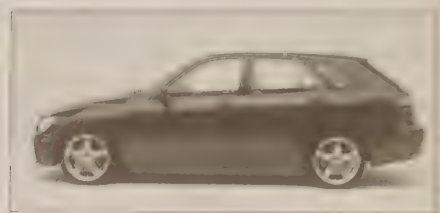
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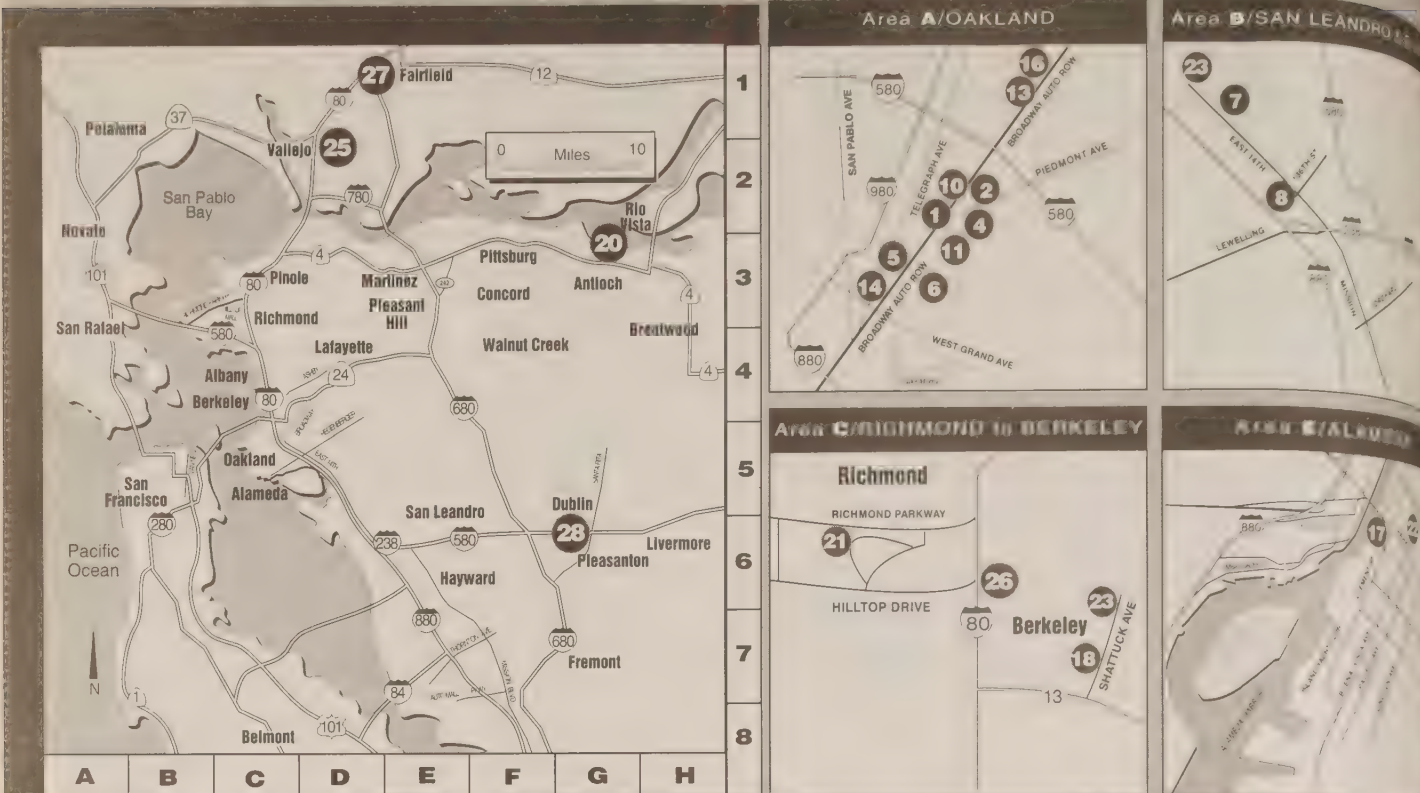
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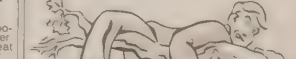
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Live-in chicken

By William Grimes
NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK — One day in the dead of winter, I looked out my back window and saw a chicken. It was black with a crimson wattle, and I seemed unaware that it was in New York City. In classic barnyard fashion, it was scratching and pecking and clucking.

I looked closer, blinked a few times and shrugged off the apparition. Birds come and go. Usually they're pigeons, not chickens, but like other birds, this one had wings and would probably use them. Or so I thought.

Two months later it's still there. Not only is it still there, but I'm also feeding it, and it's feeding me, at the rate of five eggs a week. I have made the transition from home-owner to farmer, from food consumer to food producer. All because of one mysterious chicken that came and wouldn't leave.

The protagonist of this story has no name. It is known simply as the chicken, a nonname that seems right, considering its obscure origins. Now it came to a small backyard in the Astoria section of Queens remains a matter of conjecture. The chicken made its first appearance next door, home to a multitude of cabdrivers from Bangladesh. My wife, Nancy, and I decided that they had bought the chicken and were fattening it for a feast. That hy-

pothesis fell into doubt when the chicken hopped the fence and began roaming around our yard. It began pacing the perimeter of the yard with a proprietary air, sizing things up with a shiny, appraising eye that said, "I've seen better, but I've seen worse."

We now had a chicken. Very nice. But what next?

Eating it was out of the question. As a restaurant critic and an animal lover, I subscribe to a policy of complete hypocrisy. Serve fish or fowl to me in any way, shape or form, but don't ask me to watch the killing. Once I meet it, I don't want to eat it. Besides, Nancy and I had come up with another origin theory that roused our protective instincts. The chicken, we concluded, had escaped from a live poultry market about four blocks away. It was on the run.

Our hearts went out to the brave little refugee. Returning it to the market would be tantamount to murder. Eat it? Never. We had to save it.

Both of us suddenly realized, however, that we knew quite a bit about the consumption side of the chicken equation, and absolutely nothing about the production side. We didn't know yet whether our chicken was male or female, for one thing. It didn't crow in the morning,

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'Chicken lady' mixes art and cooking in book on her favorite food

By Joan Brunskill
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NEW YORK — Compiling her new book was a long labor of love, Linda Arnaud says.

From an enthusiastic cook and collector of chicken-themed art objects, whose dinner guests nicknamed her "the chicken lady," the book's title springs no surprise. It's "The Artful Chicken" (Stewart, Tabori and Chang, \$29.95) and a gorgeous array of chicken illustrations embellishes the recipes therein.

"This book is meant as a celebration of the fine food and art of the chicken," the introduction says.

Arnaud started cooking chicken "way back when," she said in a recent interview. Her reasons are crisply summarized. "I chose to make chicken because I preferred it. It's easy to do and it carries flavor perfectly," she said.

Arnaud, who now lives in New York City, is a consultant to a food product development company. She has an art-studies background, and has lived, worked and cooked in France and England.

As anyone who starts to leaf through the book will see, it colorfully combines devotion to chicken-on-the-plate with a collector's selective eye.

Each turn of a page brings to view another charming or exotic bird, in collage or vignette. Ceramic chickens. Painted, embroidered and sculpted chickens. Chickens molded in glass. Always decorative and often functional, the parade includes plenty of handsome tureens, vases and salt-and-pepper shakers. The color photographs are the work of Arnaud's husband, Michel Arnaud.

Many of the chicken objects belong to Arnaud. An avid collector, she explains some overlap: "A lot of my chicken collection is actually part of one of my other collections. I also collect blue and white china, salt and pepper shakers, different kinds of fabrics" — all of which can have chicken-inspired motifs or forms.

Her collection isn't "fine art," she says. "I like to enjoy what I have, put it out on the table and serve food on it. I don't have very 'precious' things."

Arnaud's chicken recipes were accumulated over the years from family and friends and from places she has lived.

"I'm not a fine chef; I'm a good

home cook. I'd say 90 percent of my recipes are quick and easy to make." Being a professional woman herself guided the formulation of her recipes and cooking style. "Most of them are easy to follow, easy to do, with a few that are more complicated, for special occasions."

She doesn't dictate what kind of chicken you buy, pointing out that "chicken is so popular today that the marketplace supports a great variety and demands a great deal of quality." She mentions her preferences, and sometimes what kind she uses in a specific recipe.

She offers one or two basic pointers for shoppers: "I would use a brand chicken. When you're shopping at the supermarket, the only thing I advise is to look carefully at the packaging, to make sure it is clean and the wrapping unbroken." If the supermarket does a lot of business, with a quick turnover, that's an advantage.

The book has an appendix on chicken safety basics, with advice on good hygiene and handling practices.

Oh, yes: There are egg recipes in the book, too. "I fought to have the egg chapter in — I think that shows the chicken's totality."

It's the last chapter in the chicken book, but she says that in no way means she's taking sides in the debate about which came first, the chicken or the egg.

The following recipe for roast chicken is adapted from the traditional Sunday dinner Arnaud's French mother-in-law used to prepare. To make it in the United States, Linda Arnaud says she looks for free-range or organically fed roasters. Serve it with potato gratin and green beans, and offer stuffed eggs as an hors d'oeuvre.

Madame Arnaud's Roast Chicken

5½- to 6-pound whole free-range roaster
Kosher or coarse sea salt
Cracked black pepper
4 sprigs fresh thyme
1 tablespoon unsalted butter, softened
½ cup chicken broth or stock
½ cup dry red wine
1 large carrot, scrubbed and cut into chunks
1 medium onion, cut into ¼-inch slices
1 tablespoon of unsalted butter (optional)

Preheat the oven to 450 F, setting the rack at the middle level.

Season the cavity of the chicken with salt, pepper and 2 sprigs of the thyme. Rub the outside with the softened butter and season with salt, pepper, and the leaves of the remaining sprigs of thyme.

Combine the broth and wine in a measuring cup or pitcher. Scatter the carrot chunks and onion slices on the bottom of a roasting pan.

Place the chicken breast side up on the adjustable roasting rack and set it in the pan. Roast for 10 minutes.

Baste with about 2 tablespoons of the wine and broth mixture and turn the chicken on its side. Baste, and roast for 10 minutes. Baste again and turn the chicken on its other side. Baste and roast for an additional 10 minutes.

Lower the temperature to 350 F, baste again, and roast for 15 minutes. Baste, turn the chicken onto its other side, and continue roasting for 15 minutes.

Turn the chicken breast side up and baste. Continue roasting for an additional 40 to 50 minutes or until done, basting every 10 to 15 minutes.

Transfer the chicken to a carving board and let it rest for 10 to 15 minutes.

Pour the accumulated cooking juices and vegetables from the roasting pan into a small saucepan, add the pat of butter, and place over low heat, keeping the mixture warm.

Carve the chicken and arrange the pieces on a serving platter. Pour the sauce through a fine sieve, pressing down on the vegetables to extract the liquid, into a warmed sauce boat. Pass the sauce at the table.

Makes 6 servings.

Potato Gratin

Butter for the dish
1 clove garlic, cut in half
4 large (2½ pounds) Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled, thinly sliced, washed, and placed in a bowl of cold water
4 to 6 cloves garlic, peeled
Sea salt
Freshly ground pepper
Flour
3 to 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
4 or more cups whole milk



AN ILLUSTRATION from 'The Artful Chicken' by Linda Arnaud. The symbol of the egg and of the chicken, are at the heart of Easter traditions.

Preheat the oven to 450 F, setting the rack in the lower middle shelf.

(Position an aluminum foil baking sheet or shallow pan on the floor of the oven under the gratin dish to minimize the clean-up if the liquid in the gratin overflows.)

Butter a large baking dish (about 9 by 13 inches, or similarly proportioned oval) and rub with the cut garlic clove. Remove about one-

third of the potato slices from the water, dry them thoroughly, and place them, overlapping, over the bottom of the dish. Depending on taste, crush one or two garlic cloves through a press directly over the potato slices, distributing the pulp as evenly as possible. Season with salt and pepper and sprinkle about 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon of flour over the layer as evenly as possible. Dot the layer with 1 ta-

blespoon of the butter. Repeat process, making successive layers until the ingredients are used and the dish is almost full. Pull out the oven rack, and the baking dish on it. Pour milk to just cover the top layer.

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more if needed. Gently push the neck back into the oven.

Bake for 15 minutes or until the milk just begins to bubble.

Lower the heat to 350 F and cook for an additional 40 minutes, or until the potatoes are very tender when pierced by a fork and the top of the gratin is golden.

The gratin can be made ahead and reheated.

Makes 6 servings.

When making hard-boiled eggs, do not boil the eggs for the whole cooking time, as they get tough and rubbery.

For the best results, place room-temperature eggs in a saucepan and fill the pan with enough cold water to cover by an inch or so.

Bring the water to a boil over medium-high heat and immediately turn off the heat.

Cover the pan and let stand for 12 to 15 minutes, depending on the size of the eggs.

Remove the eggs from the pan and transfer them to a bowl of cold water.

When the eggs have cooled, in about 3 minutes, remove them from the water and peel.

Chive Mustard Stuffed Eggs

3 hard-boiled eggs (prepared as above), peeled, halved and yolks removed and reserved (see note)

1½ teaspoons chopped fresh chives

2 teaspoons Dijon mustard

1 teaspoon low-fat sour cream

Pinch of sea salt

Freshly ground pepper

In a small bowl, mix 3 reserved yolks with chives, mustard, sour cream, salt and pepper, and blend to a paste.

Spoon the mixture onto the egg-white halves.

Note: For very full-stuffed eggs, cook 1 extra egg for each 3 eggs, and add the extra yolk to the filling.

Alternative Fillings, to mix with yolks as above:

Horseradish and Sour Cream

2 teaspoons prepared horseradish

1 teaspoon low-fat sour cream

Freshly ground pepper

Tarragon, Paprika and Mayonnaise

2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh tarragon

1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon mayonnaise (homemade or store-bought)

1 to 2 pinches paprika

Pinch of sea salt

Freshly ground pepper

Olive and Mayonnaise

2 teaspoons prepared black olive tapenade

1 teaspoon mayonnaise

Freshly ground pepper

Cilantro, Curry and Mayonnaise or Yogurt

1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh cilantro

1 teaspoon mild curry powder

1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon mayonnaise or plain yogurt

Pinch of sea salt

Freshly ground pepper

Parsley, Anchovy and Mayonnaise

1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

1 to 2 teaspoons chopped anchovy fillets

¼ teaspoon granulated garlic

2 teaspoons mayonnaise

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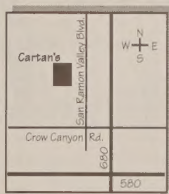
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Chicken

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and it didn't have a comb, so female seemed a safe bet. But then again, neither of us had ever had to answer the question.

The sex enigma was only one of many. Would the chicken freeze to death out there? What do chickens eat? Do they have to live in a coop? Do chickens get lonely without other chickens? Do they need roosters to lay eggs?

As I racked my brain for chicken knowledge, about the only thing I dredged up was a piece of trivia: they are easy to hypnotize.

I knew this because Al Gore often recalled happy days in Tennessee when he would line up chickens on a porch and put them into a trance.

A colleague put me in touch with a real-life farmer, Steve Townley of Milford, N.J. He poured balm over my anxieties.

"Chickens will eat just about anything," he said. "They'll eat vegetables. They'll even eat grass."

Cold, it seemed, would not kill my chicken off. "They just fluff their feathers," Townley said. A chicken coop, it turns out, is aimed at protecting the birds from predators. If there are no predators, there's really no need for a coop.

Chickens were beginning to sound like the ideal pet. Not a lot of personality, but undemanding. Why doesn't everyone in New York have one?

The chicken took to its new surroundings easily. Its main social task was to integrate into the local cat society, a core group of about five strays that we feed. Two of them, enormous gray tomcat brothers called Bruiser and Crusher, dwell in an igloo. They have a strong sense of territory, although they do allow a B-team of lesser cats to drop by for a meal. How would the two species deal with each other?

One morning, I looked out the window and saw four cats lined up at their food bowls and, right in the middle, eating with gusto, the chicken. Occasionally, it would push a cat aside to get a better position. Dry cat food suited it just fine.

The cats, for their part, regarded the chicken warily. To the extent that it was a bird, it was prey. But big prey.

From time to time, they would stalk, press their bodies to the ground, swish their tails and give every sign of going for the kill. Then they would register the chicken's size and become gripped by second thoughts. A face-saving, half-hearted lunge would follow.

The two sides have reached parity. Sometimes I'll look out back and see a cat chasing the chicken. Ten

minutes later, I'll see the chicken chasing a cat. When the chicken gets too pushy around the food, Bruiser or Crusher might swat it on the side of the head. I like to think they have reached the plane of mutual respect. Perhaps affection.

One day, I saw the chicken writhing in what seemed like a death agony. Four cats encircled it, motionless, their faces a study in mingled horror and concern. This was it, I decided. The chicken was suffering from a terminal degenerative nerve disease. I couldn't bear to watch. Half an hour later, it was fine. It had been taking a dust bath.

The chicken showed real character the night that terror descended from the sky. It had already proved itself indifferent to bitter cold and heavy snow. But then it displayed bravery. A police helicopter, searchlight blazing, descended over my backyard, searching house to house for something or someone. I never did find out what or who.

But the helicopter hovered, and the down draft from the blades set our pine tree swaying, turned over a wooden bench, flipped the cat igloo upside down and smashed heavy ceramic cat bowls. The chicken sleeps in the pine tree. I couldn't begin to imagine what was going through its tiny mind.

The next morning, amid wreckage out of "Apocalypse Now," the chicken reappeared, brimful of vim and vigor. I looked at it with new respect. It looked at me the way it always does, with a grudgingly tolerant expression. In the bird's-eye view of things, I am the useful idiot who brings food.

Actually, it took awhile to sort out the food. It was nice to know that the chicken could eat anything, but cat food didn't seem right. The bird expert at one PetCo recommended wild-bird seed. The expert at another branch said, "We have bird seed for specific kinds of bird, but because the chicken is not a specific bird, we don't have any specific food."

That stopped me cold. It's specifically a chicken, I wanted to say. I ended up buying a bag of parrot food. Finally, I did what any mature, thinking adult male would do in a crisis. I called my mother.

It was the right call. Mom flew into action. She drove to the local feed store in La Porte, Texas, and picked up a 25-pound bag of Cargill Scratch, Grains, a blend of milo, corn and oats. She began shipping the grain in installments.

The chicken, although still keen on cat food, seemed to appreciate the chicken feed, and I certainly preferred seeing it eat grain, especially after the grisly evening when I set out a treat for the cats — leftover shreds of chicken from a stock pot — and saw the chicken happily join in.



BRUISER, THE TOMCAT, enjoying lunch with the nameless chicken. Both are strays, both eat cat food, but only one lays organic eggs that stand up to anything produced by 'professionals.'

It seems to like variety and resists direction. My impression, from farmers in movies, was that chickens come running when you scatter the feed.

This one runs when the cat food hits the bowls, but it looks on chicken feed as a between-meals snack. In any case, it prefers to wander throughout the day, digging here, pecking there and only occasionally stumbling on clusters of feed. In restaurant terms, the chicken prefers a grazing menu, or the tapas approach.

Our care paid off. One morning, Nancy spied a round object on the patio. An egg.

Her eye followed the probable path of the egg and saw a cozy nest at the base of the pine tree. In the nest were four more eggs.

They were small, with a color somewhere between ecru and beige, but this was it, the blessed event. Along with the herbs, the tomatoes and the zucchini, we could look forward to an endless supply of fresh eggs.

But how did they taste? We decided to put our eggs to the test against two top-rated organic free-

range eggs, Horizon Organic, produced by Glenwood Farms in Jeterville, Va., and Knoll Krest Farm in Clinton Corners, N.Y.

Horizon (motto: "A Clean-Living Chicken Makes Real Good Eggs!") uses no antibiotics, pesticides or hormones, and its chickens live in "a healthy cage-free, free-roaming environment."

Knoll Krest, similarly, boasts that its chickens are fed natural ingredients without antibiotics or hormones, and that, further, the eggs are hand-gathered from "free-running" hens.

Does this mean that the Knoll Krest chickens are more energetic than Horizon's? When does roaming accelerate into running?

In any case, my eggs certainly qualified as organic, and my chicken both roams and runs.

I ate the eggs in hard-boiled form and fried in a little butter. The Horizon eggs, dark brown and preciously packaged in a tricky double-layer clear-plastic carton, had a café au lait shell and a pale yellow yolk.

The Knoll Krest eggs were white and varying shades of brown, from

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pale beige to mahogany with speckles. Both were enormous compared with mine, which had a thick shell and a bright, large yellow-orange yolk, which took up nearly three-quarters of the egg.

Horizon came in third. Some of the yolks had slightly metallic flavors, with a hint of fish. Knoll Krest was very good, with a richer, cleaner-tasting yolk. But the chicken, I have to report, carried the day.

The gradations of egg flavor are very subtle, which means that freshness can easily tilt the balance. And when it comes to freshness, well, the competition was over before it began.

Horizon and Knoll Krest yolks turned slightly dry and mealy with cooking, while my yolks stayed fluffy and moist. The whites had not

a hint of rubberiness. No more. And now that production is in full swing, I can count on these eggs a week, although there have been factory rejects. One egg quail size.

Another had a strange shape on top, like soft ice cream. To balance, the chicken has been consistent, high-quality production.

It says something about the hood seems to think it's not have a chicken in the back. People have noticed.

But they don't pay much attention. After all, it could be a frothing pit bull. In the scheme of things, a chicken blends in, certainly settles one age-old question. It's the chicken that came. Then came the egg.

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By Gabrielle Hamilton
NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK — I have a little confession to make: I have never served the most delicious part of a roast chicken dinner to my guests, at the restaurant or at home. It's something I savor myself, maybe with a friend or two, after the dinner is long over, when the kitchen is quiet, and I'm reflecting on the evening.

On the counter there's the roasting pan, holding the luscious amber juices and caramelized bits of meat and vegetables.

There's a bit of salad, now wilted, and some bread on the cutting board. I don't need the chicken. I don't care that somebody ate the last of the potatoes. I grab a piece of bread, scoop up some of the juices, garnish it with lettuce and pop it into my mouth.

Of course, I haven't had the guts to put this on a menu. But it is a worthy dish, each part tempering the others: the juices in the pan are like an aspic, softening the vinaigrette's tartness. The bread soaks up everything and adds a kind of meatiness.

It starts with a great chicken. A roast chicken is a beautiful thing on its own, but beneath the bird — what's in the roasting pan itself — is even better.

It's a distillation of all the flavors cooking the bird. It's the essence of a great sauce. Only I'm not taking it that final step of deglazing with wine or stock.

Instead, I'm leaving it for you to enjoy in its purest form: I simply chill the pan so I can lift off the big pieces of fat, then I spoon the rest on the base of a plate.

In that roasting pan, there's invariably a clove of soft garlic and a few toasted leaves of rosemary.

The lemons have caramelized, giving the drippings a slightly bitter acidity, which cuts their richness.

Together, these flavors make a lovely dressing for the small bits of chicken — the oysters, the dark meat pulled from the backbone, the

shreds of meat from the wings.

Lately, I've started serving it to friends who come to my restaurant, taking it a step closer to prime time by plating the separate parts so that you get the chicken and the juices, lettuce and bread all together, like a rustic peasant salad.

You can let the greens wilt or simply use buttery Bibb lettuce, so

that you get soft leaves that will wrap around the chicken and the coarse bread. (The utensil is up to you: I like to scoop up the salad with the bread.)

I never want you to have to halt your conversation to puzzle over

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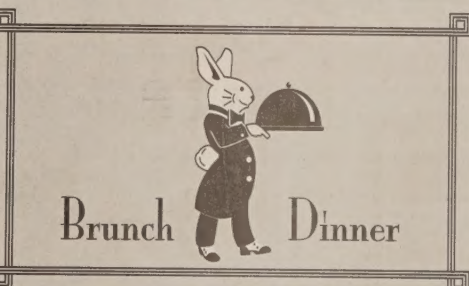


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Chicken Salad with Napa Cabbage

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The following is a quick recipe:

Chicken Salad with Napa Cabbage

4 servings
 1/4 pound snow peas
 1 medium carrot
 1 medium napa cabbage, cored and finely shredded
 3 thin green onions, finely chopped
 1 package (6 ounces) already cooked teriyaki-flavored chicken breast strips, coarsely chopped (leftover roasted or poached chicken will also work).

Dressing

1/3 cup Asian salad dressing (any

type of dressing with Asian flavors can be used).

2 tablespoons light mayonnaise
 1/2 teaspoon hot chili oil

1. Pull the strings from the snow peas and cut each on the diagonal into thirds. Peel the carrot and half lengthwise.

Cut crosswise on the diagonal into slices about 1/4-inch thick.

Bring a small pan of water to the boil, add the carrots and time one minute.

Then add the snow peas and time an additional minute. Drain and plunge the vegetables into a pan of ice water to cool.

Drain again, pat dry with pa-

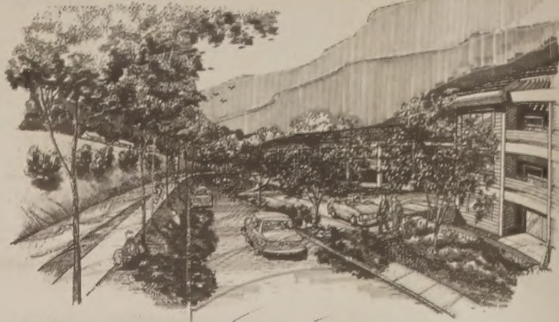
per towels and put into a salad bowl. Add the cabbage, green onions and chicken.

2. Whisk about two tablespoons of the salad dressing into the mayonnaise until smooth. Then whisk in the remaining salad dressing and chili oil. Pour over the salad, toss and serve.

Data per serving

Calories: 197; Protein: 13.41 grams; Fat: 9.81grams; Carbohydrates: 17.16grams; Sodium: 662 milligrams; Saturated fat: 1.86 grams; Monounsaturated fat: 1.31 grams; Polyunsaturated fat: 1.44 grams; Cholesterol: 30 milligrams.

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and admire what I've done with foam or a blowtorch, or how micro microgreens have become. Keep talking. It's only food. It's to be eaten.

And it's good.

Roast Chicken and Salad the Day After

Time: 1 1/2 hours for chicken; 15 minutes for salad

For the chicken:

1 4- to 5-pound chicken
 1 1/2 lemons
 10 cloves garlic, lightly smashed
 Leaves of 3 sprigs rosemary
 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
 Coarse salt and black pepper

For the salad:

2 cloves garlic, ground to a paste with a pinch of salt
 1 1/2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
 1 1/2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
 Coarse salt and black pepper
 1 1/2 heads Bibb lettuce
 4 thick slices crusty bread.

1. For chicken, heat oven to 350 degrees. Place chicken in ceramic or glass baking dish. Squeeze lemons on top; leave halves in dish.

Add garlic, rosemary, olive oil and mustard.

Season generously with salt and pepper, and rub chicken inside and out with all ingredients in pan.

Place breast side down, and season once more.

Roast, turning and basting once, until a meat thermometer reads 160 degrees, about an hour. Remove from oven, and cool.

2. Place chicken on a cutting board with a groove or lip to catch all juices.

Cut chicken, and serve. Pour juices and shreds of meat on cutting board back into baking dish.

Pick small pieces of meat from backbone and from wings, and add to dish.

Discard lemon halves. Wrap dish in plastic, and refrigerate.

3. For the salad, spoon off fat from pan the next day.

Allow pan juices to come to room temperature.

With a wood spoon, mash garlic and mustard together in a bowl. Mix in vinegar, and gradually add olive oil.

Mix until smooth, and season with salt and pepper.

Tear handfuls of lettuce in half, and add to bowl. Toss until well coated.

4. To serve, scrape up drippings, juices, bits of meat, garlic and rosemary from pan, and divide among four plates.

Place greens on top. Warm bread in a low oven, then place on side of plate.

Yield: 4 servings.

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